Heseltine and Hurd concede victory after Chancellor falls two votes short of overall majority

Major wins the battle for No 10

New prime minister will be youngest since 1894

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major, the 47-year-old Chancellor of the Exchequer who promised to create a truly classless society in the 1990s, is the new leader of the Conservative party. Today he will succeed Margaret Thatcher as prime minister, the youngest since Lord Rosebery in 1894. Michael Heseltine and

Douglas Hurd, his two rivals for the posts, immediately conceded victory last night after Mr Major had come within two votes of the 187 required for outright victory.
They called on the party to unite behind him and the formality of a third ballot was scrapped.

Standing on the steps of 11 Downing Street, Mr Major said: "This election has enhanced the democratic process substantially. It has been a very clean election and an election based on substance, not on personalities. It has dealt constructively with the

He expressed gratitude to his rivals for the way they had conducted the election and the gracious way they had conceded. "It is a very exciting thing to become leader of the Conservative party, particu-larly exciting to follow one of the most remarkable leaders Conservative party has

"I believe that as time proceeds and Margaret

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Two gloomy warnings on recession came from the chairman of ICI, Britain's largest manufacturing concern, and Professor Sir Alan Walters, former economic adviser to Margaret Thatcher. Sir Denys Henderson said that good economic growth will not occur in Britain for the next two or three years and Sir Alan said that Britain faces a deeper recession than the rest of the world because it tied its hands on exchange rates Page 29

Gatting row



management has been criticised for accepting an offer from Mike Gatting, the banned former captain, to help with net practice in

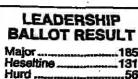
NHS blow

Most of the extra £3 billion the former health secretary, to spend on the NHS next year will be wiped out by inflation and pay awards. Page 13

Yeltsin attacked Communists in the Russian Federation launched an attack on the president, Boris Yeltsin, over the new union

Walesa support Poland's prime minister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki pledged support for the presidential bid of his rival, Lech Walesa. The peace offering was intended to block Stanislaw Tyminski, the Polish-Ca-

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Thatcher's period as prime minister is seen in proper perspective it will be seen that she has been a very great prime minister," he said. Mr Major added: "My job is clear. We are going to unite. We are going to unite totally and absolutely and we will win the next general election."

The voting in the second round of the contest was John Major 185, Michael Heseltine 131, Douglas Hurd 56. That gave Mr Major 49.7 per cent foreign secretary. of the vote.

Mr Heseltine, standing outside his Belgravia home, said immediately that his purpose was to ensure that unity was achieved at once "in order that we may go on to win the next general election which will secure us a fourth term.

I congratulate John Major and I thank binstand Douglas Hurd for an absolutely first class campaign. I know that the rules say that there has to for John Major and I urge all those people who have supported me to do the same. We are about to see the dawn of of a new era of Conservative

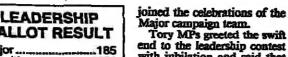
Douglas Hurd, too, said he would vote for Mr Major on the third ballot. "I know he will be an excellent prime minister. He will have my full and unreserved support," Mr Hurd said. "I think the party can now move forward united with a broadly based cabinet working in close consultation in the country."

In fact, the formality of a third ballot was called off by Cranley Onslow, chairman of the 1922 committee.

Mrs Thatcher, who was seen peering out from the curtains of the chancellor's home in Downing Street after the result was declared, said that she was 'thrilled" and sent her warmest congratulations to Mr Major, the man she had been supporting. She said that the chancellor "will be a superb leader of this country".

"I want everyone in the party to rally behind him so that he can go on and win a fourth successive general elec-tion. I wish him every success." Mrs Thatcher later

Thatcher: saying her last



with jubilation and said that Mr Heseltine's immediate concession had done much to heal divisions. The party was gripped by a wave of euphoria, believing that the contest had united the Conservatives and transformed the prospects for the next election. Some even began talking of an early election while Mr Major's honeymoon in the opinion polls lasted. Senior party strat-

egists, however, do not expect Mr Major to go to the country until there has been a turnaround in the economy. The announcement of the election result was followed by a rise in the pound in New York. It went up from its London closing price of \$1.9755 to almost \$1.98 and increased to DM2.9240 from DM2.9190 against the German mark. In London the

> 0.84 pfennigs to DM2.9242. MPs were speculating last night that Mr Heseltine would be offered the post of environment secretary or trade sec-retary in Mr Major's first cabinet. Mr Hurd is expected to be invited to continue as

pound had closed up 1.05

cents at \$1.9745 and down

The highly effective Major campaign team led by the Treasury ministers Norman Lamont and Richard Ryder, and the arts minister David Mellor, had their predictions borne out by the result.

Mr Heseltine won a vote which will confirm his strength within the party and assure him of a leading position in the cabinet, Mr Hurd made a respectable showing but clearly suffered from a eeze in the last 24 hours.

Mr Major has emphasised his esserness to boost education and to enhance the status of teachers. He has said that he is prepared to see some increase in public expenditure as a proportion of gross domestic product in order to improve public services. He is pledged to continue resistance to a single European currency.

The new prime minister will come under immediate pressure to honour the promises of all three candidates that there with our MPs and our support would be further reviews of the poll tax.





The new leader. John Major exading confidence as he headed for his ballot triumph in the Commons yesterday

Thatcher's last night at No 10

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

IN HER final moments as prime minister, Margaret Thatcher will be driven from 10 Downing Street to Buck-ingham Palace this morning formally to tender her resigna

tion to the Queen at 9.40. John Major, her successor, will take the same route but from No 11 next door, some 45 minutes later when he will be invited to form a gov-

He will then undertake the shortest of house removals to No 10 to complete the end of the 11½-year Thatcher era. Upon installation as prime minister he will also take the title of First Lord of the Treasury with a jump in salary from £55,221 to £66,851, be-

Mrs Thatcher, who spent her final night in the building she has occupied since May 1979, will move today to her home in Dulwich, south London, and a backbencher's salary of £26,701, rising to

I ories look forward to new era of party unity

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

them agreeing that the prompt and generous withdrawals by Michael Heseltine and Douglas Hurd had laid the foundations for the party's recovery after its recent strife.

John Major would be an excellent prime minister, Mr Hurd declared as he withdrew from the contest. Mr Heseltine announced that he was standing down to ensure that unity was achieved at once "in order that we may go on to win the next general election ... I congratulate John Major and I thank him and Douglas Hurd

for an absolutely first-class campaign fought without ran-cour or bitterness, which I believe lays the basis for the fore a pay rise in January to £72,533. unity of our party."
Mr Hurd promised to support Mr Major and said he harboured no bitterness. "I

CONSERVATIVE MPs last the Conservative party. I Major was Margaret Thatchsupporters in the country."

Kenneth Baker, the party chairman, said: "I'm delighted John is to be the new leader of the party and we all look minister." victory in the next general

Malcolm Rifkind, the Scottish secretary and a Hurd supporter, said: "I think the outcome is accepted by everyone. I think it is quite clear that John got support from all sections of the party as did. Douglas and Michael."

David Maclean, a junior agriculture minister, said: "I am delighted that the other candidates have done the perfectly correct and honourable thing and we now have a united party to go forward to think everyone agrees it has been a very good fight," he added. "My aim has always Pad win the next general elec-

Paddy Ashdown, the Libbeen to help restore unity in eral Democrat leader, said Mr

night immediately united think we can now find unity er's candidate, and the self-around their new leader, all of with a broadly based Cabinet confessed preserver of Thatworking in close consultation cherism, adding: "The face with our MPs and our has changed but the policies remain the same."

Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said: "John Major is the no change prime

The plot thickens nicely in room 12

By SHEILA GUNN

DOUGLAS Hurd confided to journalists after voting for himself in the leadership contest yesterday, that he thought he had a very good plot for his next novel.

His last thriller, The Palace of Enchantments, was subtitled "the decline and fall of a minister - political fiction as deadly as fact". Was the foreign secretary hinting yesterday that he may soon have

time to add to his collection?

The real-life political drama about the decline and fall of a prime minister once again centred on room 12 in the long ridor as the 372 MPs marched, slunk and strolled in to cast their votes for the second time

As the first contestant to arrive, Mr Hurd managed the singular feat of silencing waiting reporters by boasting that his suit came from Craggs of

John Major cast his vote at 12.15 am saying: "I am per-fectly content with the way the campaign has gone. As for the result, we will wait and see. I am a patient man." He was not a man expecting much spare time in the near future. The Majorettes got off to a galloping start. According to the exit poll conducted by the Beast of Bolsover (the Labour MP Dennis Skinner), Mr Major clocked up about 56 votes within the first hour compared with Michael Heseltine's 20 and Douglas Hurd's 15. Later in the day the more tortoiselike troops of Heseltine and

Hurd made up ground. Mr Heseltine was the last of leaving it until after lunch. "I can now confirm that at 14.13 on November 27 I have three votes - because I had two proxies," parodying his com-ment after the first ballot, when he confirmed he had one

Mrs Thatcher left her vote until 4 pm when she walked in through the right door and out through the wrong one to avoid the assembled press corps. Lesser mortals had to run the gauntlet of reporters conducting instant straw polls. Some owned up, others kept their counsel.

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POLITICAL SKETCH by Matthew Parris Mum's the word for a jolly wicked uncle

EVEN in the best regulated families there are moments when honesty breaks

Everyone knows that the Tory family at Westminster, SWI, have been through a bad patch. Everyone knows they have just about held together, but that Mum has decided to leave. She has not been kicked out - let us be clear about that. She has come to an amicable arrangement after what were (it is true) certain tensions. But it is very much her own decision. No winners — is that clear? — and no losers. The whole family appreciates Mum's contribution. Everybody is on her side. So let's avoid silly talk about "treachery," okay?

Now, Uncle David Evans (C, Welwyn

& Hatfield) knows this perfectly well. They have explained to him that bygones are bygones. He has nodded wisely as senior uncles on all sides bave asked for an end to bitterness.

It's just that David was terribly fond of Mum. He feels he owes a lot to her, that people like him would never be in parliament without her help. Not having gone to a posh school or university like the others, glib phrases about wishing her well in her new life don't come easy. He knows she didn't He blames her kitchen cabinet. He

suspects they manoeuvred her into believing the game was up, so that one

of them could slide neatly into her place without a struggle. How he wishes she had put up a fight! Why, David and his pals would have stuck up for her. Who knows? They might have won. Now he has been cheated of the chance to fight at her side, and he's damned if ...

But "no," he tells himself: "no point in being bitter. She wouldn't have wished it."

So Uncle David goes into questions, yesterday, with a rather predictable little enquiry (question 13, in his name) about education vouchers, and a rather predictable inclination to recommend vouchers to the education secretary, Kenneth Clarke.

Kenneth Clarke! Azarrgh! Isn't he one of the uncles rumoured to have threatened to walk out on Mum if she stayed, after her first ballot debacle? That's what David has heard, anyway. His rage is boundless.

But "no," he bites his lip and counts to ten, "must behave." He sits there, order paper gripped fiercely in his band. Question 11 ... "repairing old school buildings in Devon." Uncle David is finding it difficult to concentrate. Question 12 ... "nursery education in Normanton" — he's breathing hard. Should he go through with this? Maybe it will be a junior minister, not Clarke, answering him?

"Mr David Evans!" announces the

"Number thirteen, Sir," he calls. Wicked Uncle Ken rises smoothly to his feet. Ooh and he looks so self-satisfied. Standing there so bland and so genial in his lawyer's suit and lawyer's smile, stroking the dispatch box. Evans is almost too angry to listen to what Clarke says: the usual guff, rubbishing vouchers — something about "choice".

Evans's turn. He stands. Labour start laughing at him. He glances nervously at

his order paper. "Reading!" they mock.
Poor Mum, dressed in black, is
hovering behind the Speaker's Chair,
waiting to enter. She has come to say goodbye for the last time . . "Reading!" Something snaps. Sod the lot of them!

"When it comes to choice," he tells Clarke, "had you remained loyal last Wednesday, backbenchers would have freedom of choice" — he is bellowing, now — "of the leader they wanted as Prime Minister.

Uncle Ken chuckles mildly, takes it in his stride as he has taken everything in his stride: nurses, doctors, ambulance-men, Thatchers... ho-hum, all's for the best in this best of all possible worlds... David Evans subsides, still shaking

If John Major - Mum's own choice, after all - encounters the odd pocket of resistance, they won't always be the predictable ones.

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The great go and come but the show carries on

PRIME ministers may come and go, but the Downing Street show

Come a budget, or a leadership ballot, and the old team will always be there, up to their antics again. No troupe of circus acrobats ever put themselves out more frantically to win a smile from an unresponsive audience as the daring young men tectering on their portable ladders at the peril of their lives, and quarrelling volubly about who had bagged the patch of pavement their leathers stood on. Flash bulbs gave an air of carnival to the performance.

The clowns mugged in front of the cameras, with electric leads dangling down the back of their

The most outrageous clown of the day was one who earnestly delivered a commentary, at about the time that Tory MPs in the Commons must have been queuing up to start voting. She discussed the prospects for the Tory party now that Mr Michael Heseltine had won the leadership. Had the rest of us missed a news flash? Then she recited the same piece with John Major's name substituted. We had caught on to the joke now, and waited for her to do Douglas Hurd, but she never did.

There never was a less responsive audience. Hour after hour passed, and only an occasional twitch of a net curtain upstairs in No 10 or No 11 betrayed that anyone behind those black walls opposite was taking the least notice of our efforts.

Out of the corner of our eye, we could hardly help being distracted from our routines by the temptation to piece together what was happening on the other side of the footlights. Two dramas at once seemed to be going on behind those two forbidding Georgian

Packing up and going home was clearly the subject of one. The big items, such as the golf clubs, went out at the back of the house, to the removal van. The little things, such as the best crockery (marked fragile) and a box full of framed political cartoons, were brought out of the front door in a procession of cardboard boxes. For every package that came out, four bouquets of flowers were borne in by blushing policemen.

The other drama was harder to grasp. House-hunting for a town house nearer the job, perhaps? At any rate, the party in No 11 seemed to be having a cheerful time indoors. They came out smiling, in grey suits.

David Mellor paused to tell us that his host was nobody's puppet. Another guest, one without a vote in yesterday's election, told us that the chancellor had had two pieces of shredded wheat for breakfast and hoped to have three tomor-row. John Major himself, smiling but circumspect, refused to con-

All morning the circus continued. Our troupe was in full flow when the doorman of No 10 came out at 8am to polish his letterbox.



trimming smiling in a determined way, she gave us a momentary acknowledgement, and stepped into a car that carried her away to prime minister's questions. She had given us only the briefest of waves after all our efforts. But, cold and tired as we ere, we felt it had all been worth

it. Did she, we wondered.

Screaming Lord Sutch stood on
the wrong side of the gate of
Downing Street, wearing a leopard
skin jacket and a top bat. One of the most durable figures in politics had come to pay tribute to another. "I regard this as a sad day," he said, putting party dif-ferences aside. "Today the men in grey suits are taking over."

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Ballot countdown: Sir John Stokes, a scrutineer in yesterday's leadership poll, at the entrance to committee room 12, where voting took place; and Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, MP for Lancaster, waiting to cast the first vote yesterday morning

FIRST DUTIES

Gulf and EC command the attention of No 10

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ALTHOUGH the first official briefing to be given to the new tenant of 10 Downing Street is likely to be on the Gulf, the new prime minister will need also to turn his attention to two intergovernmental conferences that will chart the future of the European Community.

Next month's inter-governmental conferences in Rome will flesh out the declarations agreed by 11 of the EC leaders at last month's Rome summit.

Against the wishes of Mrs Thatcher, the 11 agreed to being the second stage of economic and monetary union in 1994. She was also alone in expressing reservations about the summit's conclusions on political union.

It is assumed at Westminster that the new prime minister will want to make an early visit to Washington to meet President Bush as well as making a trip to Saudi Arabia to see British forces and their preparations for conflict in the Gulf.

The two conferences have the potential for triggering deep di-visions within the Conservative party. The Foreign Office hopes, however, that with Luxembourg

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and Holland holding the presidency of the EC for the next 12 months, there will be more sympathy for Britain's views and not as much pressure for swift movement towards final agreements.

After the elation of victory it is likely that the early hours of Friday morning will deliver a cold douche of reality to the new Conservative leader. The results of two by-elections in Paisley, Scotland, are expected to confirm the parlous state of Conservative party fortunes north of the Border.

On the domestic scene the new prime minister will also need to ep a close eye on the economic indicators as potential guidelines to the timing of the general election.

The Treasury forecasts that inflation will fall to 5% per cent by the fourth quarter of next year and that the current account deficit will fall to £11 billion next year. The forecasts assume unemployment at 1.75 million.

The state of the economy is likely to determine the date of the election although it is conceivable that the new leader might take advantage of any honeymoon period he enjoys and make a dash

to the polls in the spring. Also domestically, local authorities will set next year's poll tax levels in February and March.

The poll tax is likely to provoke wave of unpopularity in the weeks before the local government elections on May 2 when there will be contests for 12,253 seats in 36 metropolitan councils and 333 district councils in England and Wales. The Tories will be defending sweeping gains that they made just weeks before Mrs Thatcher won the 1987 general election.

As a test of opinion in England Wales, the elections will provide politicians and part strategists with some pointers about whether the government could risk going to the country in June or October. If there is not a seneral election in June, the prime minister will face the dilemma of either going to the country in October or in 1992.

Whichever way the economic indicators point, the prime minister will also take into account the political considerations of a decision to delay until 1992 before holding a general election. A postponement until 1992 risks boxing a prime minister into a corner on possible dates and creating the perception that the government is clinging to power until the last mom

Alec Douglas-Home almost won in October 1964 by staying on to the end of the five-year term but James Callaghan might have had a better prospect of winning if he had gone in October 1978 rather than being forced into a general election in the summer of 1979. In July the group of seven economic summit will be held in London and later that summer the new leader will make his debut as prime minister at the Common-

wealth conference in Zimbabwe. The new leader's first key appearance before the party faithful could be in Scarborough next February at the annual conference of the Young Conservatives. A month later he is expected to stiend the annual meeting of the Conservative Central Council in

SNP poll tax tactics may deny it victory

By KERRY GILL

poll tax non-payment campaign could rob it of any chance of victory in either of the two Paisley by-elections tomorrow.

The two candidates and their supporters have had a hostile reaction on many doorsteps from people who have paid the tax and face an increase next year because of the high non-payment level in Strathchyde. The backlash comes in the wake of mounting concern about poil tax shortfalls through-

Labour and the Conservatives have found themselves agreeing that the nationalists' campaign will mean higher bills for most Scots after next April. Some regions have already announced cutbacks in services.

Alex Salmond, the SNP leader emphasised yesterday that he expected the campaign to end. As soon as the new prime minister tabled legislation that produced a fairer system based on the ability

THE Scottish National party's to pay, he said, the party's non-poll tax non-payment campaign payers would clear their debts in full. Whether this change in heart will secure victories in the two seats is doubtful. Mr Salmond said he was confident the nationalists were on the brink of a by-election

Donald Dewar, Labour's spo-kesman on Scottish affairs, said the SNP was now desperate for any escape route to allow them to break out of the non-payment

Labour said it was confident of victory, but had not become complacent. Irene Adams, La-bour's Paisley North candidate, said: "We will fight for every vote we can get. We take nothing for granted and keep fighting until the

Michael Hirst, president of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association, said his party believed that opposition to the SNP's non-payment campaign the fourth successive general elec-would be reflected in the polls. tion must be enhanced."

Shadowy figure steps into European limelight

By ALICE THOMSON

LONDON correspondents of European newspapers have been frantically putting together pro-files of John Major since he became the most serious contender in their eyes for the British political throne. While Michael Heseltine and Douglas Hurd are familiar figures in the foreign media, Mr Major has always been a somewhat shadowy figure in Europe and his entry onto the political stage is being treated with unusual enthusiasm.

The French press has become more interested in the British election challenge since Mr Major entered the fray. He is seen as the most mysterious of the three contenders and Le Monde newspaper says. "There is a contradic-tion in his character between his smooth and grey manner and the populist and anti-establishment convictions attributed to him." Other papers revel in his "work-

ing class" background, and Le Figaro concludes that he has played his cards marvellously. The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung points out that Mr Major has promised Britain a classics society by the year 2000: "This electifies the masses, who have been driven to social mobility more reluctantly than enthusias-nically by Nanny Thatcher." The paper predicts that Mr Major will win the general election.

Spanish commentators say that Mr Major would be a decisive leader in time of war. El País says that he has more experience in office than Mrs Thatcher had during the Falklands conflict. In Norway, Mr Major was summed up in the daily as "a tough and unpretentious politician. A decent sort, but seeming to lack the charisma of a leader."

The European Commission has voiced no opinion on the leadership election, knowing it will have to work closely with the new prime minister. However, Mr. Major, considered to have mastered the details of European economic and monetary union better than most, is thought best placed to defend Britain's interest most forcefully on the single European currency. He has therefore met with a cooler response than the two other candidates.

In South Africa, there has been

little interest in the individual merits of the three candidates and Mr Major's name has barely been whispered. While black politicians are hoping for a Labour victory in the next general election, the white perspective on the leadership contest was summed up by The Star of Johannesburg: "Unless Mrs Thatcher's successor is a disaster – and the track record of all three does not suggest this - the one positive development is that the prospects of the Tories winning in

Clarke backs pooled sovereignty

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

BRITAIN must be prepared to pool its sovereignty to help to create a proper economic climate in Europe, a leading cabinet supporter of Douglas Hurd said

last night.

Kenneth Clarke, education secretary, said it was amazing how hostile sections of British public opinion was to such ideas. Speaking in London at the annual dinner of the Institute of Directors one of the business pressure groups which has been a particu-larly strong supporter of Margaret Thatcher as prime minister — Mr Clarke said that Britain must create institutions in Europe based on free market economics and free international trade, with a strong

competition policy.

They should favour sound fiscal and monetary conditions, with a strong anti-inflationary pressure. He said: "We should be prepared to pool our sovereignty to help create such institutions and such a climate in Europe post-1992." He said, however, that domes-tically, Britain had to make low inflation and a stable currency

higher priorities than public spending and public subsidy, and he said that the gains of the last decade should not be thrown

Referring to the "enterprise years" of Mrs Thatcher's period, he said the Conservatives did not intend them to be a passing phase



the enterprise years

in British political and economic life, and it was now the party's duty to ensure that they did not prove to be a temporary phenom-enon. He said: "If the enterprise years only last for 12 years it will not have been long enough." The new prime minister had a

great responsibility for carrying forward the success and selfconfidence that Britain had carned in the 1980s: "He has to revive the morale of his party which has depressed itself by unnecessary "Even more important, he has

to revive the confidence of the nation in the free market economics and the radical social reforms that produced such an atmosphere in 1987 that the return of a-Conservative government till the end of the century seemed almost

The reforms that had swept through the private sector now had to be transferred to areas of the public sector, including his former areas of the health service. and his new responsibilities in

Thatcher's last clash at question time

By ROGER WOOD AND JOHN WINDER

MARGARET Thatcher made her final appearance at prime minister's question time yesterday when she told MPs: "I don't believe in making a career out of positively last appearances." She assured them that her contribution to politics would continue from the back benches. Her decision was made yes-

terday morning even though the result of last night's leadership vote would have given her the opportunity to take questions again tomorrow, still as prime minister. This task will fall to John MacGregor, the leader of

Cheering Conservatives MPs waved their order papers as Mrs Thatcher entered the chamber and took every opportunity dur-ing a noisy 15-minute session to praise her record as prime minister. Their attitude was summed up by Donald Thompson, MP for Calder Valley, who said: "She's

been a good 'un." Dame Jill Knight, MP for Birmingham, Edgbaston, demonstrated her loyalty against a barrage of Labour interruptions when she spoke of the profound regret of millions of British people and thousands of millions ourside Britain that Mrs Thatcher was not continuing in

She had rendered unrivalled service in turning back the tide of socialism, in ending the brutal tyranny of militants in the trade unions and by re-establishing Britain as a great power. "I ask you to reflect with pride that a thousand years from now when everyone else in this House is dead and dust, you alone will have a hallowed place." Mrs Thatcher said: "I am very grateful to you for your generous tribute."

Her final clash across the dispatch box with Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, came when he asked which of her policies

should be scrapped by her successor. That gave Mrs Thatcher the opportunity to say she was happy that her successor would carry on the excellent policies of the present government. They had led to the decline of socialism brought prosperity to the country. and had raised Britain's standing in the world. They had brought about a truly capital-owning democracy.

Mr Kinnock responded by asking why, if she thought nothing should be changed, the candidates seeking to replace her were desperately wriggling, trying to get out of the poll tax trap. "I rather thought they were keeping the community charge," Mrs Thatcher said. "Whatever review they have, the result will be infinitely better than going back

Mr Kinnock: "May I, since this could conceivably be the last time she answers, say to her that her

honest approach on poll tax is commendable because she is demonstrating that there are two - and only two - honest choices: to keep it intact and the other is to abolish it, as we would."

Mrs Thatcher: "That is not correct. As with any new tax one both reviews and continually amends it. I would have thought he would know that."

Tributes came from outside her own party, from James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionists, and from Rosic Barnes, a member of the former SDP, but not a word of praise or blame from the Liberal-

David Winnick, Labour, asked if Mrs Thatcher did not find all the Conservative praise hypo-critical and nauseating when 152.

Tory MPs had stabbed her in the back last week. "I do not find it nauscating. I find it very refreshing," was the reply.

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By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent



Signs of switches in cabinet jobs as Major talks tactics

JOHN MAJOR last night began conferring with his closest colleagues about the shape of his first cabinet with all the signs that there would be few changes of personnel. However, there are likely to be several switches of jobs within the

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, beaten by Mr Major in the leadership election, is certain to stay in place. John MacGregor, the Commons leader and former

THE prospect of an early elec-tion is back on the agenda with

With the polls showing that a

Conservative party led by the former chancellor enjoys a nine-

point lead over Labour, Mr Major might be tempted to seek

a new mandate as early as next

A cabinet minister who has

played a prominent role in the

campaign to elect Margaret

Thatcher's successor said yes-

terday: "I think a new leader

opens things up. John cannot be blamed for what he inherits,

even though he was at the

Treasury. Voters will want to

give him time to show what he

Under Mrs Thatcher, the re-

ceived wisdom within the party

has been that an election would

have to be delayed until the

spring of 1992. That would leave

time for the electorate to reap the

benefits of falling inflation and

mortgage rates and to become

confident that their new-found

prosperity was not another cynically engineered pre-election

Only last month, at the party

Kenneth Baker, the party chair-

man, was sticking to 1992 as his

Since then the political map of

Britain has been rolled up, and

all the options are open to Mr

Maior. Ministers who only days

long, under the leadership of Mrs Thatcher, are now openly

speculating about a dash to the

job, Mr Baker, who has been

quietly tuning up the party

machine since the late summer, is likely to advise Mr Major that

he could have his troops in shape

by the late spring. However, he

would probably prefer to assess the outcome of the local govern-

ment elections in May before

agreeing that it was time to take

There are dark clouds on the

nereign

in tille

Assuming that he keeps his

preferred escape route.

nce in Bournemouth,

John Major's victory.

candidate to take Mr Major's job as Chancellor of the Exchequer. The other contenders for that

post are Norman Lamont, chief secretary to the Treasury and one of Mr Major's campaign organisers, Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, and Chris Patten, the environment secretary.

In the interests of party unity Mr Major is likely to promote some of the ministers who were Treasury chief secretary, was associated with the Hurd cam-

electoral horizon, however.

First, with the Western powers

squaring up for a war in the Gulf

some time after a United Na-tions deadline of January 1 or 15,

can the new prime minister be confident that he will be in a

position to seek a new mandate

The armed forces expect a

only a couple of months later?

quick, clean kill, but nobody can

be sure that hostilities would be

concluded rapidly and success-

fully. Nor can anyone predict the course of events in the tinderbox

of the Middle East even if President Saddam Hussein has

been driven out of Kuwait and,

possibly, toppled from his Bagh-

dad throne. An election immedi-

ately before, during or after a

shooting war is out of the

Then there is the vexed matter

of the community charge.

Mr Major has said that he is

increasingly convinced that the

poll tax cannot be left un-

touched. An early election would

mean that he would have to go to

the country on a promise to make changes. Given his track

record as minister who kept

quiet while the unseaworthy

flagship of Mrs Thatcher's third

term trundled down the cabinet

slipway, would such a pledge

hold water with voters during

the rigours of a three-week

Finally, the new prime min-

paign, and to bring into the cabinet Michael Heseltine, the other beaten contender. In that event he will have few, if any, new cabinet slots available.

Possible roles being discussed for Mr Heseltine include party chairman (possibly risky because of his current unpopularity with the grassroots), home secretary, environment secretary (where he would be in charge of the review of the poll tax promised by all three contestants), industry secretary or even a return to his old post of defence secretary. One strong possibility being canvassed last night was for Mr Heseltine to become the environment sec-retary, with Mr Patten becoming

Commons leader.

Mr Major may not want to move Tom King from the defence moving so speedily. In other circumstances, however, he would be seen as the ideal candidate as Commons leader. David Waddington, the home secretary, is another candidate for that post but seems likely to stay where he is. Chris Patten is being spoken of as a possible Commons leader to

replace Mr MacGregor. With Mr Heseltine taking the one cabinet place made available by Mrs Thatcher's departure, there will be space only if Mr Major decides to dispense with the services of some of the more Mr Waddington, Cecil Parkinson or John Wakeham. If there is a place available, Mr Major may bring into the cabinet for the first time David Mellor, the arts minister and a leading figure in his

successful campaign.

Michael Howard, the employment secretary and another member of the campaign team, might become chief secretary with Mr Lamont tipped for promotion, possibly to the industry department. Michael Portillo is being tipped as a possible newcomer fo chief secretary. There are also likely to be promotions for Francis Maude and Richard Ryder, possibly to chief whip or even to local government minister, serving as Mr Heseltine's number two.

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Beaten challengers: Michael Heseltine with his wife Aune as he announced last night that he would stand down from the leadership challenge; and, below, Douglas Hard meeting the former Czech prime minister, Aleksandr Dubcek, at the Foreign Office earlier in the day



Pulling power that won over a sceptical public

By DAVID LIPSEY

A Gallup survey in the The

and political union about to HIS rise in the polls has been even spring into his path next month swifter than his rise to the pinnacle in Rome with the opening of the of British politics. As recently as inter-governmental conferences. September 1989, Mr Major, though already foreign secretary, did not figure in a list of six Mr Major will have to work quickly and in close collaboration with Douglas Hurd, contenders in a Mori poll of the foreign secretary, if he is to voters' preferences for leader of have a workable compromise at the Tory party. Even after his 1990 Budget, only 3 per cent of the public prefered him, less than onehand in time for an election in the spring or summer.

Mr Major's strength is that after his two spells at the Treasury nobody is better placed twelth of the proportion choosing Michael Heseltine. Yet he ended the leadership campaign overtak-ing Mr Heseltine as the leader than he to massage the economy in the right direction over the most likely to sway voters.

Daily Telegraph yesterday gave the Conservatives a 9-point lead over Labour under Mr Major. With Mr Heseltine, their lead would have fallen to 8 points, while under Mr Hurd, the Tories would trail Labour by 3½ points. In *The Independent*, an NOP survey showed that 30 per cent of electors were more likely to vote Conservative under Mr Major, but only 26 per cent were more likely to vote Conservative under

The public view of Mr Major closely reflects their short experience of him. He was well ahead of the other two candidates on his

The voters and Mr Major (All figures in percentages)

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ability to handle the economy, a Mori poll in The Sunday Times showed, with 43 per cent putting him top. He trailed, however, on his understanding of world problems, on his ability to represent

Britain in Europe. He has a particular credibility gap to bridge on the Gulf, where only 10 per cent of those polled thought that he would do best of the three.

Morover, despite being the youngest candidate, he does not greatly appeal to the young, where Mr Heseltine performed much better. Among those aged 18-24, the Tories would be 19 points behind under Mr Major, compared with only one point behind under Mr Heseltine. Mr Major is strongest with older voters, and his ability to extend his appeal to the younger generation will be an early test in his premiership.

'Thatcher's man' is denounced by Labour

THE Labour leadership last night denounced John Major as "Thatcher's man" in a foretaste of the campaign they will relentlessly wage against him right up to the next general election.

His emergence over the past few days as the candidate favoured by the outgoing prime minister was regarded as a godsend by Labour strategists, who concede that the departure of Mrs Thatcher is an electoral boost for the Conservatives. One said: "Our fox was shot last week. But at least we have got the candidate most closely identified with her."

Labour leaders meet today to reassess tactics, realising that they now have to win the next general election with a positive presentation of their own policies rather than relying on the Tories to lose it. Mr Major will be portrayed as the prisoner of the right, the candidate endorsed by Mrs Thatcher and groomed by her for high office.

A Labour strategist said yes terday: "Our message will be: this man is Thatcher in a grey suit. him."

As the former chancellor Mr Major will face charges that he is the architect of Britain's economic ills, high inflation, high interest rates and high mortgages. Labour will also attempt to undermine his credentials to make far-reaching poll tax changes.

Mr Major's pledges to press on with the health and education reforms will be treated with scorn by Labour. It will allege that as chief secretary to the Treasury in charge of public expenditure he was more interested in squeezing health and education programmes in the pursuit of tax cuts.

Anxious hours for candidates as colleagues cast their votes

Hearty breakfast on a day to remember

pext few months.

THE next prime minister breakfasted heartily yesterday. He ate two Shredded Wheat (not even he could manage three), some wholemeal toast and enjoyed a pot of tea. Then, for once unaccompanied by his entourage of Majorettes, the Chancellor left No 11 shortly after 9.30 am for the City of London, to preside at the official opening of the European headquarters of Nomura, the Japanese securities giant. John Major arrived outside the

skyscraper to find photographers, camera crews and reporters crowding the pavement. Whisked past the baying throng by his minders, Mr Major took the express lift to the 9th floor where Nomura executives awaited his

The occasion was being beamed live by satellite to 145 company offices across Japan. The chan-cellor's speech was simultaneously translated and video tapes were to be given to employees as a momento of the ceremony.

Just before 10.05 am, the toastmaster called for silence and told the assembled company that Mr Major was in the building. A hush fell over the banking executives and Yoshihisa Tabuchi, the president of Nomura, fingered the knot of his silk tie.

Mr Major arrived looking just a touch preoccupied. His thoughts, almost certainly, were elsewhere. He sat, hands clasped tightly on his lap, and smiled politely while Mr Tabuchi read out a speech in Japanesc.

Thunderous applause from Nomura executives followed the president's address, in which he thanked Mr Major for finding the time out to come on such a busy day. Then Mr Major went to the rostrum. "This is an extremely important day," he said with a mischievous smile. "One that I will recall for some time to come." The executives who understood

English laughed enthusiastically. He added: "It is always nice to have something enlivening like this to do in the midst of an otherwise dull period." More laughter. One executive told his colleague in a whisper that Mr Major was "to be made prime minister later today".

The jokes over, Mr Major

moved to the serious part of his text, in which there was a tribute to the achievements of the Thatcher years. The speeches over and the plaque unveiled, champagne was passed round. Mr Major took his flute gingerly, toasted Nomura's new European HQ with two abstemious sips, posed for the cameras, refused to be drawn on the leadership contest, then left the building at a gallop, bound for Westminster

Bad day for protesters

By Lin Jenkins ing protesters were pushed into

THE scruffy band of protesters on behalf of the homeless who chose to target Michael Heseltine yesterday could not have picked a

With his ambitious assault on the party leadership in full swing, Mr Heseltine's passage from the door of his office to his car required over a dozen policemen to keep excited and inquisitive onlookers at bay. Middle-aged women, office girls and the odd puzzled Japanese tourist had gathered in the hope of catching a glimpse of the man. At best, they caught sight of his blond head above the attendant policemen and television cameras. The hous-

the background. Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, chose a lull in the proceedings to give the press corps the benefit of his own wisdom. He was pleased that John Major appeared to have the edge. "He will probably be best for us. After a while people will switch off."

Before Mr Heseltine left for the Commons to cast his vote in room 12 his wife Anne made a short visit. Wearing a crisp charcoal grey suit she left with her chanf-feur to return home and walk the dogs William, Dominic and Oliver before preparing for the hectic events of the evening.

To and fro between work and aspiration

DOUGLAS Hurd spent yesterday yo-yoing between the Commons to pursue his prime ministerial aspirations and the Foreign Office, was "whipping" in for Hurd, the Foreign Office minister who
was "whipping" in for Hurd,
sloped past trying to bury himself
inside an olive-green cape. He
refused to comment on the Hurd
campaign as he made for a back where official business could not At 8.30am Mr Hurd stepped

through the doorway of I Carlton Gardens without so much as a hint of a nostalgic last look behind him. Wearing a fawn mackintosh and carrying a black briefcase, he grinned ruefully beside his blue Daimler. When asked about his chances of becoming prime minister he said: "If I were you, I

would expect the unexpected."

The foreign secretary was whisked off to his Whitehall office, where he was to meet Sir John Swan, the Premier of Bermuda, at ten o'clock. As his car drew up beside Horse Guards, the ebullient and confident-looking John Major team bounced down the steps of 11 Downing Street. As John Gummer, Peter Lilley and

Dubcek, chairman of the Czechoslovak Assembly, who is in Britain to attend the North Atlantic Assembly, Mr Hurd moved on to the Commons where at midday he received a visit from Sir Ian Gilmour and Sir Dennis Walters to discuss Arab affairs.

entrance of the Foreign Office.

As Mr Hurd attended to busi-

ness all morning, from his office window he would have been able

to see the removal men loading the Thatchers' personal effects from the Downing Street back

door into an enourmous white

After a meeting with Alexander

lorry destined for Dulwich.

After making his way to com-mittee room 12 to vote for himself, it was back to the Foreign Office for a working lunch with his campaign team. Mr Hurd spent the afternoon in his office, marshalling his team in a rearguard effort to consolidate his position.

At 4.30pm he made what he might secretly have hoped was his last official engagement, the presentation of an honorary OBE to Dr Ludger Eling in recognition of his work in improving Anglo-German relations.

Anne Widdecombe, Tory MP for Maidstone, said late yesterday afternoon that the mood in the Commons had been swinging all day and that the Hurd camp was cautiously optimistic. After a lastminute check-up on events at the Commons, Mr Hurd waited with his campaign team at the Foreign Office to hear the result.

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Major: the unknown prime minister

Not since Bonar Law, the dark horse, won the duel for Downing Street will the occupant of No 10 be so little known, Jamie Dettmer writes. John Major's name has spread only in the past few weeks after he was tipped for the top

LORD Blake's definitive biography of Andrew Bonar Law is entitled The Unknown Prime Minister. Any future historian will thus be pre-empted from using a similar title for a work on John Major, although the cap would fit

as snugly. Bonar Law's emergence as leader of the Conservatives in 1911 came about because the two main contenders, Walter Long and Austen Chamberlain, withdrew from the struggle for the sake of party unity. Bonar Law, the dark horse, was not widely known in the country and was never expected to gain the leadership.

Even a few months ago most people in Britain would probably

have been hard pushed to name Mr Major as the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Michael Heseltine, a far more colourful if uneven character, was far better known, partly because of his flouncing out of cabinet during the Westland affair. Margaret Thatcher might not have been expected to win the party leadership in 1975 but she was well-known, if only in the guise of the "milk snatcher".

Mr Major's fame has spread only in the past few weeks. Astute political commentators began cautiously to tip Mr Major for the top in his last days as chief secretary to the Treasury. He performed well as Nigel Lawson's right-hand man, managing to keep the spend-ing departments under tight rein

without angering their ministers.
His 94 days' tenure at the foreign office was not happy. He seemed out of depth and was badly wrong-footed at a Commonwealth conference at Kuala Lumpur when he was contradicted by Downing Street. His restoration to the Treasury put him back on even ground. He proved highly effective as chancellor and steadied the City which was on the brink of going into convulsions over Mr Lawson's resignation. His autumn statement was praised by fellow Conscruative MPs, in spite of the underlying bleakness of its

Mr Major's upbringing promised much less. His early life was hard even if it was enlivened by the presence of his unusual father,

Major of the vaudeville double-act Drum and Major. His father successfully toured music halls

father was a great influence on him. "I still think he was the finest raconteur I have ever heard, and he had such a wealth of experience and a range of interests." Tom Major was 67 years old when his son was born but into his seventies he retained a fine humour.

Late in life, Tom Major left the stage and set up as a sculptor and manufacturer of garden gnomes. A failed investment forced the Ma-jors to swop their home in leafy Worcester Park for a two-room flat in rundown Brixton, with a gas ring on the landing and a lavatory three floors below.

"Obviously, I was aware that we'd moved, and I could see the difference — but there was no difference in the way the family behaved or the way they treated me," Mr Major says. "It was a good environment to be brought

Grammar School but performed badly. He says that he somehow turned against his teachers after feeling that he was at the bottom of the heap. All he missed was the sport, particularly his beloved cricket, when he left at 16.

He worked as a labourer initially, went on the dole, got a job at the Electricity Board, was turned down when he applied to become a bus conductor before joining Standard Chartered Bank. There he soon came under the wing of Anthony Barber, the former Tory Chancellor, the first of a series of Conservative mentors who helped him up the greasy pole of political

Mr Major joined the Conservative party soon after leaving school. He found the attitudes of the Lambeth Labour hierarchy patronising and offensive and at first experienced patronising attitudes in the local Tory party as well. The young Major did not allow the snobbish attitudes of some local Tories to dissuade him from a political career. The party was beginning to change, to shift



The helf apparent winning an enthusiastic reception from Margaret Thatcher for his message to the Conservative party's conference in Bournemouth last mouth

peternal vision to a meritocratic one and Mr Major was well-placed to be swept along on the new

His political efforts were interrupted for a short time while he went to Nigeria for the bank. It was there that he was involved in a car accident which nearly resulted in him losing his leg. His injury has stopped him playing cricket, his geat passion outside politics. His first serious political post

was on Lambeth borough council. His colleagues voted him chairman of the housing committee. He regret in life was to have failed when housing chairman to secure the demolition of the house he and his parents had been reduced to live in after his father's business

After two attempts to win St Pancras North for the Tories, he was eventually elected at Hunting-don in 1979. His rise through the Tory ranks in the Commons has been meteoric with eight different government jobs in as many years. In January 1981, he became

parliamentary private secretary to the Home Office ministers, Timothy Raison and Patrick Mayhew. In January 1983, he was appointed labels. Friends say that he is hard deciding on a proposal was would a whip, becoming a senior whip a on economics but soft on social it enlarge freedom and extend a whip, becoming a senior whip a year later. He spent two years as a junior minister at the then bealth and social security department. He was promoted within the same department a few months later. In 1987, he became Chief Secretary

His rapid rise has not stirred rivals to envy. Mr Major is a friendly and personable man. Critics have questioned whether he has a defined political philosophy. Is he dry or wet? He has not been that forthcoming in reply. He normally attempts to side-step

vide much clarification: "I am a free-marketeer; I could never accept the politics of soft options, because soft options are bogus options - but beyond that, I believe in treating issues on their

The key to his philosophy lies with is wish to widen individual freedom. In a speech to the Conservative party's Radical Society last year he said that one of the

opportunity. Other questions included: would it encourage people to take more responsibility for their own lives and would it improve the lot of the worst-off.

Those questions are now going to press in on him in a much sharper way than even when he was Chancellor. The final question about the man is whether he is up to the job. He has been untested by comparison with Douglas Hurd. He did look vulnerable when foreign secretary. Only proverbial time will tell.

John is the name of several

characters in the Old Testament,

including one of King David's

The name was borne by John

the Baptist (the precursor of Christ

himself, who baptised sinners in

the River Jordan), by one of

Christ's first disciples (John the

Apostle, a fisherman, brother of

James), and by the author of the fourth gospel (John the Evangelist, identified in Christian tradition

with the apostle, but more prob-

ably a Greek-speaking Jewish

Christian living more than half a

are not as good as Major, but

perfectly papabili. Hurd is one of a

whole cluster of English surnames

The names of the runners-up

"mighty men".

century later).

RISE THROUGH THE RANKS

March 29, 1943: born and grew up in Merton 1953: moves to Brixton. school. Works as clerk and

1960: joins Conservative 1965: joins Standard Char-tered bank. Founds Lambeth

Borough Young Conservatives. 1968: becomes Lambeth

1970: marries Norma. Becomes chairman of Brixton Conservative Association.



1974: Losing in London

1974: stands for St Pancras 1979; stands for Huntingdon. 1981: PPS to Home Office

1983: assistant whip. 1984: senior whip. 1985: junior minister at department of health. 1986: minister of state for social security and the disabled. 1987: chief secretary to the

Treasury. 1989: foreign secretary (July). Chancellor of the exchequer (October).

1990: party leader and prime minister.

Norma Major and politics

No-man's land calls to the homemaker

WHEN Norma Christina Elizabeth Johnson married a young upand-coming banker in a church opposite Lambeth town hall, she could have been forgiven for harbouring thoughts far removed from 10 Downing Street.

If she had had time to reflect on

the political future of John Major, her husband, she might have toyed with the idea that he could ecome a Conservative MP. After all, he was in Tory politics, albeit as a councillor.

As recently as four years ago, Mrs Major dismissed out of hand the suggestion that her husband would become Britain's 52nd prime minister. "That kind of thing doesn't happen to people like us." she said.

The unassuming Mrs Major has always seemed surprised at her husband's rise. When he telephoned to tell her that he had been made foreign secretary, she said: "You're winding me up." She also felt sick at the mere thought of his elevation. Mrs Major is proud of her husband and wants him to succeed. Her pleasure at the rise and rise of John Major is a mixed one, however.

She retreated in shock for ten days after the announcement of his promotion to the post of foreign secretary. She also lost a stone in weight during his 94-day tenure at the Foreign Office.

Last March, Mrs Major admitted that she had been reduced to tears by the pressures placed on the family by her husband's political career. "I've shed my tears - and not always quietly into the pillow," she told an

In the run-up to the budget. when Mr Major was in what the Treasury cails purdah, Mrs Major said: "I feel him slipping further away. Even when I have the man

beside me, I feel his mind isn't really there." She has described the past week and her husband's challenge for 10 Downing Street as "a cross between waiting for Christmas and a particularly unleasant visit to the dentist

For Mrs Major, family life is allimportant. She is happiest at their modest four-bedroom home in Great Stukeley, Cambridgeshire. She revels in providing for her two children, Elizabeth, aged 18, and James, aged 15, "I am fulfilled by domesticity," she has said.

Newspaper biographers of Mrs Major have tried to explain her attachment to home and family through the history of her early childhood life. Born in Shropshire in 1942, her father was killed in action in Belgium during the last days of the second world war. She was sent to boarding school in London at the age of four.

She later trained as a home economics teacher, turned to dressmaking, was a nanny for a short time, and started canvassing for the Tories after making dresses for Diana Geddes, a Conservative candidate. She met her future husband in the 1969 GLC elections. It was love at first sight for

After a whirlwind romance, they were engaged within three weeks and married within six months. Even on their wedding day, politics intruded. Wearing morning suits, Mr Major and a friend spent half an hour before the service touring a nearby

council estate in Brixton. Throughout her husband's career, Mrs Major has given the appearance of steeling herself to deal with the demands placed on her. "At the start being a candidate's wife was danning, but I did it," she has said, and has done so with great capability. Mrs

Major has been seen by some as Mrs Suburban Average.
That is a mistake. In her sensible cardigans and long, gath-

ered skirts, she might seem a typical Tory wife.
Not many of that breed, how-ever, could write a well-received biography of Joan Sutherland, the diva. Opera is her great passion outside the home. She turned down a commission to write a biography of Jessye Norman, the

singer, because of her husband's

move to the Foreign Office. Her interests also focus on the area in which she lives. She views Mr Major's Huntingdon constitnency as an "extended family", and insisted that the launch of her book about Joan Sutherland took place at Huntingdon town hall rather than at the London Coliseum or the Royal Opera House.

She delivers meals-on-wheels for the Huntingdon WRVS and works hard for Mencap, the charity for those born with mental disabilities. "Beyond the constituency is no-man's land," she has

At each stage of Mr Major's career, his wife has tried to to keep the infrastructure of the family intact. While her husband was chancellor, she slept only one night a week at 11 Downing Street. "He eats over at the House a great deal and can cook his favourite beans on toast in the kitchen at Downing Street," she said. For her, it was important that Mr Major had a solid home life to

return to at weekends. Mrs Major is reported as saying recently: "I am sure it is very naive of me but, having been through the last 18 months, which has been a difficult struggle, I would like to think we can carry on as we are." It probably is. No-man's land



What's in a name? Grandest history of the three

By PHILIP HOWARD, LITERARY EDITOR

THE next prime minister has by far the grandest and oldest name of the three candidates. This sits quite oddly on the candidate who claims to be classless and have the common touch, and who is (in spite of propaganda to the con-trary) well to the left of his party. Major is the only leading political name that came over with the

Major can be a cognate of the Jewish eastern Ashkenazic Mayer. But as an English name it comes from the Norman personal name Malg(i)er or Maug(i)er, which is composed of the Germanic ele-ments madal council, plus garf or geri a spear. The first Majors to come to the top in England were, onomastically, and probably bloodily also, warlords, like the rest of the Norman gangsters.

Mrs Major keeps up the blueblooded Norman connection by having Norma as her Christian name. In fact, qua Christian name, Norma was invented by Felice Romani in his libretto for Bellini's opera of that name,

The new prime minister's first name was made important and famous by early Christianity. John is the English form of the Latin Johannes, from the New Testa-ment Greek Ioannes. And that is a Greeked and contracted form of the Old Testament Hebrew name Johanan, which, being translated, means "God is gracious". The translators of the Authorised Version decided on John as the English way to spell it.

(variously spelled Heardman, Herd, Hird, and so on, depending on the part of the country that the holder comes from), derived from the Old English heard, a herd or flock. Hurd means cowherd or shepherd. The spelling with that "u" suggests that the family came originally from the Midlands. This is categorised as an occupational name, like many others. Hurd is an ancient name for a leader. In

Homer, Agamemnon and other supreme kings are addressed as "burd(s) of the people". Douglas also has to do with cattle or sheep, but with rustling rather than looking after them. It is the surname of the notorious gang of Border reivers, eventually ennobled as the earls of Douglas and Angus. Douglas probably comes from the Gaelic dubh black, plus glas stream, from the place in the Scottish Borders where the Douglases had their stronghold.

Heseltine is a habitation rather than an occupational name. It and its cognates are derived from the Old English hoese! a hazel tree or grove, and either denu a valley, or tun an enclosure or settlement. Heseltine is a topographical name. It means "chap who lives in the hazel valley", and is widely dispersed; though I guess that the first Heselvine spelled that way came from Gloucestershire.

Michael is the English and German form of a common biblical name, which means in He-brew "Who is like God?" In the Middle Ages the archangel Michael was regarded as captain of the beavenly host in flak jacket. Remember Revelation 12, 7: "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not neither was their place found any more in heaven." Michael is the symbol of the Church Militant, and patron of soldiers.

Finding words to fit the man

Unfortunately we only recently downgraded Major to a robot who is controlled by Maggie. We decided to remove his brain and I suppose we will have to find some way of putting it back in. Bill Dare, of Spitting Image He has risen so fast on sheer

ability rather than image that I think he is in danger of underestimating the importance of image in this telly age. Selina Scott, broadcaster

I would much prefer him to become prime minister at a later date once he has gained further experience. Lord Whitelaw support John Major because he

is the youngest and best looking. Helen Gregory, wife of Conal Gregory MP Part of John Major's success is that he looks like everyone's bank

Tom McNally, former Labour MP and now head of public affairs at Hill and Knowiton

He has a caring face. Not all women go for flamboyance.
Gillian Shepherd, minister at the social security department. A decisive leader in case of war. El Pais, Madrid newspaper

John Major looks like someone on the 7.15 to Waterloo. Lord Hanson, chairman of Hanson Trust He has the most courteous way of

saying no. Company chairman at CB! He is a classless person. Not that I'd trust him. Dennis Skinner, Labour MP

Mr Major is the most mysterious of the three. He is supported by the nationalist and anti-European right of the party but perhaps he has mistaken his place. Le Monde, Paris daily

We have a very good economic policy. I have sat in cabinet for six years and listened to all the economic debate and know that

the policy John Major is pursuing is a good one.

Douglas Hurd He has the charisma to attract a new generation of voters.

Stanley Hudson, chairman of Pembroke Conservative party

We are backing John Major as we feel he has the right style.
John Fitzsimmons, Conservative leader, Liverpool

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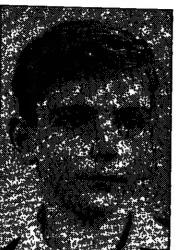
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Circus days: father Tom Major, centre, a high-wire artist, and other circus performers







Early years: aged eight in 1951; as a school cricketer in 1958; and a prospective







Electoral victory: celebrating as MP for Huntingdon in 1979



Quick snack: the Chancellor eating an ice-cream in Whitehall

Major's campaign

Formidable debt owed to aides

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major owes a formidable debt to the slickest campaign team leadership contest.

Its members were fastest off the mark, ever-present in the Commons corridors and always available to the media from the moment the campaign was called. They demonstrated an American-style professionalism which led rivals to believe that they had been formed in embryo even before Mrs Thatcher decided to pull out and open the leadership race to cabinet contenders.

The key men in the team were Treasury ministers Norman Lamont, Richard Ryder and Francis Maude, David Mellor, the arts minister, and Robert Atkins, the

sports minister. In just four days, helped enormously by the geniality of their candidate (despite the pain from his wisdom tooth operation), they transformed the image of the Chancellor of the Exchequer from a greyish, little-known political technician to that of a thrustful politician with a sense of mission

for the Britain of the 1990s. Within hours of John Major's entry into the contest, the Major team had taken over the Gayfere Street house of Alan Duncan, the candidate for Rutland and Melton. Extra telephones had been installed and political correspondents' telephones were buzzing with calls from the helpers in the team extolling the virtues of their

MrLamont and Mr Ryder headed the number-crunchers, aided by Terence Higgins. Michael Jack, Graham Bright and others manned the office. Robert Atkins liaised with lobby correspondents and David Mellor went upfront, his favourite position, putting the Major case on radio and

They chose a theme which appealed to left and right by neatly dovetailing the Thatcherite emphasis on choice and opportunity with the suggestion of a kinder, gentler conservatism. It emphasised Mr Major's

recognition that not all in society could aspire to rising as far as he had done from such compar-atively obscure beginnings. From the beginning Mr Major was presented as "the guy who made with whom everyone could

Subtly emphasising that Dou las Hurd was the "Whitehall candidate", they offered a vision of a thrustful new Tory party for the 1990s offering an open door to all creeds and classes. It was just the stuff, many Tory MPs rapidly concluded, to win back the crucial C2s who had been deserting the party since 1987.

The Major campaigners argued that Michael Heseltine, as the regicide, could not unite the party and that he could not be trusted to preserve the legacy of Thatcherism.

Hurd was a splendid chap but perhaps just too much of a toff for the wider electorate to identify with him. But their man was the candidate for all classes.

It was something of a gamble, running a candidate in the Tory party on the classless ticket, leading Douglas Hurd to grumble in one interview that he seemed to have stumbled into some Marxist debating society. But it worked brilliantly, putting Mr Major into the front seat as the cabinet unity

For a man who had been in government for the past four years while Mr Heseltine was free to take his Thatcherism à la carte it

was a remarkable achievement. Their strength was that they were building on John Major's natural instincts. The vision of the classless society and open-door Tory party was one which he had inserted into his party conference speech this year. His friends know that he has for some time been arguing the need to raise the status of the teaching profession but had not done so publicly for fear of embarrassing colleagues in the education ministry.

What proved to be the chancellor's other strength was his comparative youth.



Best foot forward: John Major hitting out during cricket practice at The Oval earlier this year

A fan from The Oval

Ballot puts good sport into No 10

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major received many tributes yesterday but one came from an unusual source, a prospective Labour sports minister.

John Major will be the first prime minister that this country has had, from either party, who is genuinely interested in sport and does not go to the big events for the publicity," Kate Hoey, Labour MP for Vauxhall, said. "I want to see sport taken more seriously by politicians. Although John is from a different party, I know he will

take it seriously."
Her constituency includes The Oval, where the next prime minister spent summer days of his boyhood watching Surrey, which won the county championship seven years in a row. His affection for the county club, of which he has been a member since 1982, has led to him become the patron of Surrey's Youth Cricket Year 1990.

Some patrons are no more than figureheads. Mr Major, however. insisted that he would accept only if he were allowed to work. When he lunched with Surrey club officials he told them: "If you do not ask, I cannot do something; do not be afraid to ask. If I cannot do something. I will tell you; otherwise, it will be done." Then he told them with a laugh: "There is no point in having a donkey if he does not pull the cart."

His efforts for the appeal, which hopes to raise £500,000, were praised yesterday by Miss Hoey. "He has done a remarkable amount of work for an enterprise which is committed to getting young people in the vicinity to use the facilities at The Oval."

David Seward, secretary of Surrey County Cricket Club, said: Considering the burden on his shoulders, he has been an absolutely terrific patron in Youth Cricket Year. He inspired us by his example to get out and preach the gospel of youth cricket in south London and Surrey."

Mr Major's interest in cricket and Surrey in particular dates from when his family moved to Coldharbour Lane, Brixton, when he was ten; from there he could

walk the two miles to The Oval. He never went to Lord's. "I could not afford the bus fare," he says.

He regrets that school cricket is in a "very substantial decline". "Teachers are prepared to give up their time for football because it takes so little; a couple of hours, be said. "But that is not the case with cricket, and teachers are far less committed to it."

He played for Rutlish School, once took seven or eight wickets for nine runs (he cannot remember which) - and received a bat for the "feat of the week" from the London Evening Standard, His cricket career ended in Nigeria where he broke his left leg and lost his kneecap in a car accident. Three days earlier he had been 77 not out in a match played on an airfield. Unfortunately, the weekly mail plane arrived early and the game had to be abandoned.

Although cricket is his greatest love, he is also fond of football. Rutlish was a rugby school but Mr Major was not keen on the game. so he set up a football team. He now supports Cheisea and, before last Sunday's game at Manchester United, he telephoned Bobby Campbell, the manager, to wish the team well. Chelsea won 3-2.

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chair-man, beheves Mr Major would be good for a sport whose hold on people was demonstrated at the World Cup last summer when the England-West Germany semi-fi-nal attracted 25.2 million viewers, the biggest British television audience for a live event. As Chancellor of the Exchequer last March, Mr Major cut the tax on football pools from 42.5 per cent to 40 per cent to release £100 million over the next five years for building and refurbishing stadiums.

Miss Hoey hopes that with Mr Major as prime minister, sport will get a far higher profile in Parliament: "We do not even spend ten minutes every six weeks discussing it. Sport is not seen as a big cultural asset. Parliament should recognise that sport needs political assistance. It needs pol-itical push."

'Major is a problem — after the glasses and a suit there is very little else'

THE election of John Major to the Conservative leadership dismayed Britain's political cartoonists last night. They find him hard to draw (Nick Nuttall writes). Almost universally, they preferred Michael Heseltine, with his shock of wild hair and excited eyes.

Peter Brookes, The Times political cartoonist who was last night grappling with the chancellor's caricature, described Mr Major as the least inspiring of the candidates to draw. "Heseltine has the hair, the eyebrows and the personality. Major is a problem. After the glasses and a suit, there is very little else."

His views were endorsed by Mac of the Daily Mail: "Cartconists tend to vote for people with big cars and noses. Both Hurd and Major are faceless Mr Major is that he is relatively new on the political scene. "Heseltine has thrown the mace around in the Commons and resigned over Westland. The other two have not really done anything cartoonable at all," Mac said.

What distinguishes Mr Hurd and Mr Major, according to Michael Heath, a political cartoonist for The Independent and The Spectator, are their "huge glasses, like goldfish bowls, and peculiar mouths, which seem to be suppressing all

emotion." Joe Cummings, political cartoonist on The Financial Times, is, however, looking forward to a change. The features of Mr Major's face are his mouth, "which pulls round his teeth",

men." Part of the problem with and the large gap between the nose and mouth, he said. Of Heseltine, he added: "Very flashy hair, no lips and podgy nose. There is more you can sink you teeth into with him."

Only one political cartoonist said that he was relishing the prospect of the trapeze artist's son sweeping into No 10. Dave Gaskill of Today said that Mr Major's blandness can be used to advantage, with the cartoonist able to concentrate on events rather than the man.

What worries Mr Gaskill is not so much the mileage to be had from the contenders but the featurelessness of their wives: "Personally I will miss Denis more than Mrs Thatcher. The leadership contenders' wives are not good at all from a cartoonist's point of view."







John Major as drawn by Trog (*The Observer*), Caskill (*Today*), Gary (*Sunday Times*) and Steve Bell (The Guardian)



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Woman who set out to wrench Britain on to a new course

MARGARET Thatcher will have a secure place in history. She has dominated her age like no other prime minister of recent times. She is the only post-war leader to have lent her name to an "ism", she is this century's longest continuously serving prime min-ister and the only one to have won three successive general elections.

She has helped to change the political agenda and overturned much of the post-war conventional political wisdom.

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In truth, the long-term impact of her record must be for posterity to judge. In, say 2020, will her premiership be seen as merely a stage, or an interruption, in the Wilson, Heath and Callaghan years of decline, or as a turning point? To the very end of her premiership, she has thought that she was essential to the moral and economic recovery of the nation.

Mrs Thatcher has always been something of an outsider. She was a statutory woman in the Heath cabinet and never close to the centre of things. For all the rewriting of history, she was an accidental leader in 1975. Heath botched the succession and she was rewarded for her courage. The rediscovered beliefs in markets and monetarism of Sir Keith Joseph, Sir Geoffrey Howe and a few others, were not widely shared

in the party.
Until the Falklands conflict, she was not fully in control of her cabinet and has often been sceptical of the commitment of many of her colleagues. She ruthlessly used cabinet committees in the early days, particularly on eco-nomic policy, because she could not be sure of carrying the cabinet, seemingly fearing that ministers would "go native" and accept the

She has been a strange sort of conservative; she wanted to transform the national mood, society and the economy. She has been a political mobiliser in wanting to change her country's culture, institutions and policies.

Her rhetoric of duty, authority, discipline and order echoed traditional Conservative themes, but her impatience with so much of the status quo and her suspicion, indeed rejection, of so many traditions and institutions perplexed older heads in her party.

Much of the alleged wisdom of established practices is part of

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History will view Margaret Thatcher as an heroic figure, Dennis Kavanagh writes, regardless of the durability of her legacy

what she dismissed as the flabby consensus that dragged Britain down. She has taken her handbag to so much of the Establishment, and to local authorities and even the legal and medical professions Her "up and at 'em" attitudes to Brossels bureaucrats and much of the public sector, and her support for capital punishment found a popular echo, although discomfit-ing more fastidious Tories.

Thatcherism has often been defined as whatever Mrs Thatcher happened to be doing. There has, however, been a coherence to her government's policies. Extending home-ownership, promoting private enterprise and self-employment, encouraging the private pro-vision of health and pensions, and letting schools opt out were all designed to promote self-reliance.

Mrs Thatcher's record shows the importance of personality in politics. She had a strong sense of the sovereignty of the British state, the authority of government (again, it is easy to forget how low this had sunk in the 1970s) and the power of her office. Many ministers, and outside bodies such as the European Commission, have felt the force of this assertiveness. She has run economic and foreign policies independently of her chancellor and her foreign secretary, fired or demoted two foreign secretaries, and kept strict control of the cabinet agenda (ostensibly the cause of Mr Heseltine's resignation over Westland). Her ideal was probably to run each department by herself. Ferdinand Mount, who headed her policy unit, once said that she chased initiatives in departments "like a dog after a bone".

Mrs Thatcher has provided a peacetime model of the premiership that has been undeniably successful in achieving many policy objectives and winning general elections. She strained the idea of collective cabinet government to

argumentative and she lost many battles, particularly early on.

Time will tell whether she will set a trend or breed a reaction. Will party and electorate expect strong personal leadership or do they want a rest? Will the mobiliser be followed by a consolidator, and the presidential style by collective cabinet rule?

Mrs Thatcher had a vision although one that was never fully understood. The strong popular attachment to publicly funded services ahead of support for enterprise and tax cuts shows how resistant people have been to her message. Labour politicians should appreciate that she genuinely wanted a more open society. She regarded herself as the product of opportunity and looked to Chris Patten and John Major as a successor. Although the politics of both are very different, they resemble her in social background

For all the Cabinet resignations,

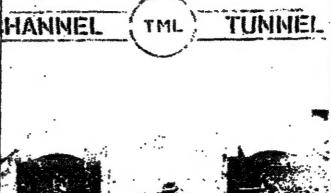
Mrs Thatcher has been a superb

party manager who recognised early on that ministerial talent lay with the "Wets". It is easy to forget that when she became leader in 1975, her party had lost three of the previous four general elections and had sunk to its lowest share of the vote this century. The party, associated with corporatism and statutory prices and incomes policies, had lost its way. Much of her success, of course, was built on luck - a divided opposition of Labour and the Alliance and an electoral system translating 42 per cent of the vote into 60 per cent of Commons seats. But much was due to political skill, judgment and courage. In the end, her luck ran out, in the shape of the Howe resignation speech and by-election blows on the eve of the election.

been a sense of "us and them" in much of public life and in her own party. It was a mark of her radicalism. Contempt is not too strong a word for her attitude to what she saw as the weakness and opportunism of many predecessors, Tory and Labour. She has so often seemed embattled, a potential saviour surrounded by frail colleagues who, without her, would surrender to pressure groups or debase the currency. Posterity will see her as an heroic figure, although a most unlikely one.

Under Mrs Thatcher, there has







Legacies of a galvanised private sector

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LIKE the Pharaohs, Margaret Thatcher will be remembered for what she left behind. Instead of pyramids, however, that legacy will include a very large hole in the ground, yuppie appartments in east London and a revitalised public transport network.

Admittedly, the Channel tunnel will be no ordinary hole in the ground. When British and French construction workers shake hands at the breakthrough ceremony on Saturday, they will be the first people to have walked between Britain and France since

the Ice Age 8,000 years ago.
The British Isles will effectively become a peninsula on northwest Europe, with London, Paris and Brussels linked by an umbilical cord under the English Channel. The project will be the most expensive addition to Europe's transport infrastructure and the entire scheme will be financed. built and operated by the private While privately financed estuar-Before Mrs Thatcher became yet to bear fruit.

prime minister, the idea that the private sector should shoulder the risks and costs involved in such a project would have been regarded as a free-market fantasy. Now, with the tunnel less than three years from completion, the role of the private sector is all but taken for granted.

Mrs Thatcher, galvanised by the spectre of billions of pounds of taxpayers' money being sunk into the Channel tunnel project, insisted from the outset that the tunnel must be left to the private sector. That decision created a financial discipline that would have been impossible to impose on any public-sector scheme.

The success of the Channel tunnel experiment led to the attempt to extend the frontiers of the market to inland transport.

ial crossings are likely to succeed, however, the attempt to build new private sector toll roads has Docklands.

Before Mrs Thatcher assumed office in 1979, London's Docklands were in secular decline. The advent of containerisation, the construction of a new port at Tilbury and the effect of successive dockers' strikes had finished them off. Young people were leaving the area in droves, showing that a community incapable of retaining the allegiance

of youth is dead. The revival of London's Docklands, like the construction of the Channel tunnel, was seen as an opportunity to demonstrate what the private sector was capable of. Michael Heseltine, the then environment secretary, was instrumental in creating the London Docklands Development Corporation, which was charged with the social, physical and economic regeneration of

When the corporation started work, there were 40,000 people living in Docklands. Now there are 70,000 and that number is expected to rise to 115,000 by the turn of the century. Some £803 million of public money has been ploughed into Docklands, compared to £8 billion in private investment,

Under the spending plans announced in the chancellor's autumn statement, investment in public transport is now running at its highest level for 30 years. In the three years from April 1991, spending on roads and rail will increase to £16 billion, double the amount spent during the previous three years. The ground-work has also been laid for a variety of new rail schemes.



Shooting of robber reopens debate on arming the police

The police shooting of an armed robber yesterday comes amid renewed debate on whether all officers should carry guns. Stewart Tendler reports on how police firearms policy is evolving

AT LEAST half a dozen criminals have been killed by armed police in Britain during operations such as the one in which a robber was shot dead yesterday at Reigate, Surrey. Newspapers and television pictures regularly feature heavily armed, flak-jacketed officers protecting courts, watching over state occasions, or patrolling airport

Given such images, questions over whether the British police should be regularly armed may seem academic. Yet the recent news that the Police Federation, represent-ing 123,000 junior officers, may call for all officers to be armed is likely to send a shudder of anxiety through the Home Office and senior

In spite of the publicity surrounding the police use of guns, very few officers are armed or qualified to use weapons. Guns have always been available and even in late Victorian England officers in the outer London suburbs carried guns on night duty. Commanders and politicians, however,

have maintained the rule that officers should not be armed unless carrying out duties where weapons are likely to be needed.

Five years ago Scotland Yard had 4,500 officers qualified to use guns. Today the figure is 2,500 out of a force of 28,000 and is des-tined to fall further. A large county force such as Kent, with 2,730 officers, has more than 190 marksmen.

A few years ago the num-

ber of marksmen might well

have been much larger. A

series of disasters in London and the Midlands, including the shootings of Stephen Waldorf, Cherry Groce and five-year-old John Shorthouse led to a reappraisal of police firearms policy. Police forces moved away from relying on a corps of officers with basic training, who were called up from other duties when necessary in favour of specialist armed units constantly at the ready. Forces also moved from basic handguns and rifles towards more sophisticated weapons, including pumpaction shot guns.

Police policy was refined

lighted the problem of mobilising trained officers quickly. Fourteen forces across the country have now brought in armed respon vehicles that are on patrol 24 hours a day. The weapons are kept in sealed lockers

and can be used only with

the agreement of senior offi-

cers. Seven other forces are

Revolver practice: officers learning to use handguns at a training centre. Forces also use more sophisticated firearms, such as pump-action shotguns considering the system, which will be introduced in even further after the Hungerford shootings high-London next year.

The changes might ease

public concern about possible police misuse of weapons. At the same time there is growing anxiety within police ranks about the increasing use of guns by criminals. The federation points out that nine of the 25 officers killed over the past

ten years were murdered by gunmen, and members argue that they should not be sacrificed to maintain the traditional image of the un-

armed British bobby.
Supporters of the need to arm the police argue that many other countries, inc-tuding almost all of Europe, allow officers to carry guns. They say that the kind of

United States would never happen in Britain because weapons are not as easily obtained here. Chief constables acknowl-

edge evidence of an increasing use of guns by criminals, but they advise that attitudes should not be swayed by isolated, emotive incidents. Home Office statistics show that the use of guns remains

0.3 per cent of all recorded serious crime last year. However, the number of offences

involving firearms rose last year by 20 per cent from 1988 to a total of 4,500 cases. Whether the federation will change its policy is to be

seen. A poll earlier this year showed that 86 per cent of junior officers and 83 per cent of commanders opposed general arming.

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By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

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Dossier on crime squad for court

By CRAIG SETON

INVESTIGATORS in charge of the West Midlands serious crimes squad case have handed over to the Court of Appeal a special report examining whether there was a pattern of malpractice among detectives in the unit.

The court asked for the report from the Police Complaints Authority and West Yorkshire police three weeks ago when it adjourned the case of a man who claims he was framed

The release of the report to the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, and counsel in the case, is believed to be unprecedented. The authority is supervising the investigation by the Yorkshire force and normally findings remain confidential pending completion of the enquiries.

Details of the wide-ranging West Yorkshire enquiry into the squad were requested by Lord Lane in the Court of Appeal three weeks ago during the appeal against conviction of John Edwards, aged 26, from Manchester, who is serving a 14-year jail sentence for armed robbery. He claims that confessions to the serious

crime squad were fabricated. Edwards's case was adourned until Friday for the complaints authority to gather complaints authority to gather possible information that may or may not suggest that alleged misconduct by detectives in his case had occurred as a pattern in other cases under investigation.

The authority has now provided the court with the information it sought. It is understood to be in the form of a statistical analysis covering other cases involving the serious crime squad.

THE fourteenth game of the THE fourteenth game of the world chess championship in Lyon has been agreed a draw after 41 moves of a fiercely-fluctuating struggle.

Anatoly Karpov, the challenger, had the draw well in hand at the adjournment but could not achieve anything more than this, given the open nature of the position and the highly reduced material. The game was agreed drawn without resumption. The scores are seven points each. When Edwards's case resumes on Friday, the Lord Chief Justice will ask counsel to argue whether the anthority's information should

Man faces two charges of murder

Police yesterday charged an unemployed man aged 24 with the murders of two plastic surgeons. The bodies of Kenneth Paton, aged 51, and Michael Massar, aged 42, were found at Pinderfields hospital, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, on Monday morning.

will appear before the town's

Bomb accusation Sheffield crown court was told that Terence Thornton, aged 59, arranged for a percel bomb to be delivered to Elleen Caulton, his former mistress meeting her financial de-

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mands. The case continue

Paula Norris, aged 18, who suffered severe brain damage and multiple fractures after she was hit by a car on the A13 at Barking, Essex, in Septem-ber 1983, won £250,000 damages in the High Court. They will be paid by the driver, Victor Allen of Slough, Berk-

Theft case

Kerry Dixon, the Chelsea football player, appeared before magistrates at Luton, Bedfordshire, charged with the theft of £10,000 on July 6, 1989. John Dolan, of Her-coma Drive, Bushey, Hert-fordshire, faced the same. harge. The case was ad-

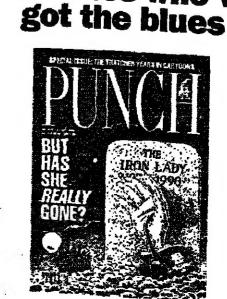
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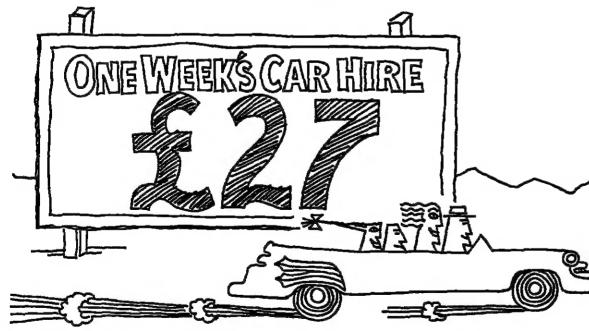
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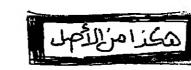
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Viewers 'would pay up to £200 a year' for BBC services

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A HUGE majority of tele- sor Ehrenberg said. Although vision viewers would subscribe voluntarily to the BBC if its licence fee were abol- both BBC1 and BBC2 if they ished, with most households were offered at the same price willing to pay at least £200 a as the licence fee (£4 a month year, according to a study by the London Business School

The BBC could double its income by using a deregulated pay-television system, but it would cost the viewer much more if the same breadth and be maintained Subscription costs would be 50 per cent higher than the present £71

The findings, which clearly show that government plans to peg the licence fee at one or two percentage points below the retail price index are misguided, follow a two-year study of 4,000 households by Professor Andrew Ehrenberg

"We found no reaction against the licence fee, which is being talked down artificially, The BBC is being unnecessa ily underfunded, given that 80 per cent of the population would not mind paying as much as £200 a year," Profes-

98 per cent of the respondents would voluntarily subscribe to for BBC1 and £2 a month for BBC2), the cost of a subscription fee collection system would eat into programme

fee were increased. The BBC, which said it was quality of programmes were to gratified that viewers place such a high value on its services, added that the cost of equipping everyone with decoders for a subscription service would reach £1.5 billion. That would have to be paid by

> "Even if the majority of people were to pay double the this would not pay for BBC1, BBC2, BBC Network and regional services and BBC radio plus the cost of the decoder," a BBC spokesman said, "With a subscription service, broadcasting becomes narrowcasting and universality of access disappears."

The business school study shows that there would be a 20

per cent fall in the number of viewers, although it would probably be temporary, and in the number of subscribers to at least one of the BBC's two channels if prices rose. Eighty per cent of respondents to the survey would pay anything up to £200 a year.

The study, involving 41 different surveys of viewers in budgets unless the £71 annual 4,000 households each given the choice of subscribing to one of 27 price packages, found that 87 per cent of those asked would still subscribe to BBC1 and 75 per cent to BBC2 if both independent television and Channel 4 were also available on subscription.

The study, done from April 1988 to April 1990, did not take into account, however competition from satellite and cable television. "The exploratory interviews we conducted showed that people were not yet concerned about cable or satellite. No matter how successful cable and satellite is the majority of people will still want a wide range of viewing," Professor Ehrenberg said.

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Going bust slowly as a chill grasps the land

Farmers face rising costs and poor returns. Michael Hornsby on one family's precarious battle for a living

PAUL Tamblyn surveys the land be farms near Saltash, west of Plymouth, and pro-nounces in his soft burr: "If I am very careful I may be able to go bust slowly." It is hardly a bullish verdict on 30 years of devoted husbandry of these rugged Cornish hills shaped by generations of farmers. There have been Tamblyns

tilling the soil in the region for more than three centuries, but now Paul, aged 53, and his son Lister, who has just turned 30, are pondering whether to sell up and get out before economic circumstances force

"Frankly, I don't enjoy farming like I used to. It is gle and if costs go on rising hile returns remain static, I don't see how we can survive much longer," Paul says. "We have been sliding down a long slope and now we are on the edge of the precipice. The government just does not em to care any more." Like many farmers through-

out Britain, the Tamblyns are having trouble adjusting to the changes over the past decade, financial incentives to expand



Survival scene: Paul Tamblyn (right) and his son Lister on land they and their family have worked for 300 years duction, they are shivering into three units spread over

in the chill wind of a sterner creed: produce food at a price that is closer to what the market will pay or go out of

Paul and his son are majority shareholders in Cornish Farms. They have under their care 750 acres of agricultural land and a further 50 acres of woodland and marsh, divided

three parishes. The land rises from sea level to 350ft with distant views of the Tamar. livestock is home-grown.

They own only 150 acres, farming the remaining 600 as tenants of Lord St Germans. There are 55 acres of potatoes and 380 acres of wheat, barley and oats. The rest of the land, particularly in the steeper parts, is used mainly as pas-

ture for 480 breeding ewes and by reducing price support. between 120 and 150 beef cattle. Most of the feed for the

The Tamblyns were never in the Range Rover and swimming-pool league. In the comfortably. There enough money to send Lister and his sister, Vanda, to private schools, and they kept small motor boat moored on the Tiddy, a tributary of the

In the 1989-90 season, total revenue from the farm came to roughly £200,000, against expenditure of £180,000. Out of the net income of £20,000, Paul and Lister between them drew less than £10,000 as their salaries. Most of the rest of the profit had to go towards paying off a loss of £24,000 which was incurred the previous season, mainly because of a disastrous potato crop and repairing storm-damaged farm buildings.

Purchases of fertilizer, herbcides, pesticides, fuel, animal feed and other inputs accounted for £114,012. The vages of the four full-time farm-hands and extra casual labour hired for the potato harvest amounted to £35,500. Rent on the 600 tenanted acres took £24,288 and interest on bank loans a further £5,000. Depreciation of machinery was estimated at

The arithmetic of Mr Tamblyn's decline is simply stated: the hardcore costs of running the business - rent, labour, machinery - have cases lower, than it was 10 now. They say we must be

responsibility levy [exacted by the EC when cereal production exceeds a specified level]. we are getting £104 a tonne for our wheat, exactly the same as 10 years ago. Potatoes at £60 a tonne are slightly below what Tambiyu says, "Lambs at £3] a head are barely up on 1980, while the £411 a head we are

getting for cattle compares with £463 a head then." In 1987 the family gave up the tenancy of 100 acres of years ago, a farmhand was tragically killed in an accident, they did not replace him. The average age of their six tractwo combine harvesters are 16 years and 20 years old. Replacing them today would cost £55,000 apiece.

Lister says he would have a hard time making ends meet without the income brought in teacher. "I am loath to leave the land, but Lisa would like me to get out. I have talked to some local employers, including an insurance company,

about other work," Paul would have difficulty in finding another job. He and his wife Elizabeth at least have a house of their own in the village of Polbathick agar by should they decide to give up. tied cottage he now occupies.

the Tambiyns have buil ponds, planted hundreds of trees and maintained the 15 more than doubled while the miles of Cornish hedge-banks price he gets for his produce is on the farm. There is no barely higher, and in some money to invest in such work e pres- more market-oriented," Paul sure in the European Commusays. "But who is going to look nity to curb over-production after this land if we leave?"

Early start of work kills farmer's grant

By NICHOLAS WATT

THE government has refused move 6st of land to help to to pay a promised grant to a farmer who spent £20,000 protecting a local stream, because he started work a day

Robert Maxwell, of Chelwood, near Bath, said yesterday that he had had to mortgage his house after the agriculture ministry refused to pay half the bill, as agreed under the terms of the grant. "You think you are doing good for the community and then you are fined for doing just that," he said.

The ministry awarded the grant under the Farm and Conservation Scheme to allow Mr Maxwell to install and partiy conceal a slurry storer to protect a stream from polluted water. As the storer

obscure the 15ft structure. Mr Maxwell gained minapproval on June 26, 1989, but he had started removing earth the day before. After submitting the £20,000 bill this March be was told his grant would not be paid as he

had made a commitment to

the project before the ministry had approved it. Despite approaches to Mr Maxwell's MP and Chris Patten, the environment secretary, the ministry refused to change its mind.

Mr Maxwell's solicitor, Tim Smithers, said as planning permission was not granted until August 1989, months after the initial earthremoval work, it was impossible for his client to have would have been an eyesore made a commitment to the



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'Fall of the vicar in adultery hearing is tragedy for all'

tery with his curate's wife and a married parishioner were a tragedy for all concerned, prosecuting counsel in a Church of England consistory court said yesterday.

Nicholas Atkinson, sum-

ilso the law

ming up his case on the sixth day of the hearing in Chichester, said that the Rev Tom Tyler had been described as a man of strong moral character and utter integrity. "That is why these proceedings are so tragic. We take no joy, as does anyone who is concerned with the church, in that the accused

has fallen below the standards expected of him," he said.
Mr Tyler, aged 51, vicar of Henfield, West Sussex, for the past 12 years, has denied a claims, Mr Atkinson said, charge of conduct unbecomcharge of conduct unbecom-ing in a clerk in holy orders in after they fell out over a that he committed adultery with Susan Whittome, aged 54, his curate's wife, and with Barbara Edwards, aged 34, a parishioner. He was accused of five specimen acts of

Mr Atkinson told the hearing that the vicar's liaison with Mrs Whittome had lasted ten years, and began because she was able to help him with his parish duties in a way that his wife Tricia could not, as she was busy caring for their young family.

"Her offer of assistance was gratefully accepted. The accused clearly wanted that association to go further and he pursued her sexually and, to her shame, Mrs Whittome did not resist." Mr Atkinson said that the vicar used his

people becoming suspicious.

"Mr Edwards said it was that bit of white around his neck which made it all right. It is the betrayal of all that which makes this so serious."

Intercourse happened regularly at the farm run by Mrs Whittome's husband close to Henfield, where Mr Tyler regularly went on Thursdays to prepare his sermons and deal with parish paperwork. He said that he enjoyed the peace of the setting.

It also happened at her aunt's empty home and her mother's house, the hearing was told, and they had sexual intercourse outdoors on a number of occasions.

Mr Tyler had denied all her painting in the church and the sale of a field. But there was supporting evidence from a former choir girl. Both women had also been able to give intimate details of the vicar's body.

Mrs Whittome had claimed that he left notes at his house addressed to 'Dear Heart'. Mr Tyler said that it was a phrase he used regularly only with his wife but she, in her evidence on his behalf, denied that.

Mr Atkinson asked why Mrs Whittome should bring the complaint before the bishop, knowing what unpleasaniness and upset it would cause her family. He said: "How, with your children now 18, do you disclose what you said that the vicar used his ber of years? How do you position of trust to see the retain their respect? Do you

PROCEEDINGS against a women at their homes without do it out of malice because country vicar accused of adulpoople becoming suspicious. He said Mrs Whittome had decided in July 1988 to end the affair, but made no attempt to bring it into the open. It was not until June the following year that she spoke to the archdeacon, but no action was taken after Mr Tyler had denied his claims. She was spurred into further

action after hearing rumours of a liaison between the vicar and Mrs Edwards, the hearing was told. She had seen them coming out of a walk-in toy cupboard at a mother and toddler group.

Mrs Whittome met Mrs

Edwards and they agreed to make personal statements to the bishop of Horsham. Although they were written sepa-rately, they showed remarkable consistency, Mr Atkinson said.

Judith Hughes, counsel for Mr Tyler, accused Mrs Whittome of launching "a campaign of denigration" against the vicar. What had begun as a good working relationship with him had declined to a point in 1985 at which there was open hostility between them over dispute relating to the church. She had subsequently refused to accept communion from him.

Miss Hughes said: "Vicars, like doctors, are vulnerable to accusations of adultery when visiting females at home. Women sometimes falmicate stories for all sorts of reasons; sometimes for no reason at all." Her accusation to the archdeacon in June 1989 had



Sucan Whittome (left) and the Rev Tom Tyler outside the court yesterday

and humiliated. As a result, when Mr Edwards accused his wife of having an affair with the vicar "it was the golden opportunity Mrs Whittome required. It was her trump

Mr Tyler said that he had had neither the opportunity nor the inclination to commit adultery with their woman. Allegations of sexual intercourse in his car were ridiculous and the homes where intercourse was alleged to have taken place were far too

possible. Miss Hughes said been written together, it was that the evidence of the two suggested that they had ex-women was so inconsistent as changed information, Mr Tyto be "totally unreliable".

Details of the numbers of ied significantly from affidavits to evidence given in court, she said. The date on which Mrs Whittome alleged sex had first taken place was impossible, as either she or Mr Tyler had been holidaying in that

Although there was no suggestion that the two women's original statements had

ler's relationship with them was simply "that of a caring times adultery took place var- and conscientious member of the clergy", the hearing was After directions on the law

from the chancellor of the Chichester diocese, Judge Quentin Edwards, QC, who is presiding over the hearing, the panel of assessors, two clergy and two diocesean laity will retire today to consider their

IRA cache| Drug case soldiers stumbled helped upon, jury police

is told Soldiers from the Royal Sig-A JURY at the Central Criminal Court was told by a birdwatcher yesterday how he stumbled on an IRA arms cache buried on the Pembrokeshire coast.

Terence Gover said he was suspicious after treading on spongy ground at disused mine workings at Newgale beach, Dyfed, in the autumn of last year. He had the impression the

ground had been dug within the previous two or three weeks, he said at the trial of Liam O'Dhuibhir and Da-mien McComb, two Irishmen accused of plotting bomb explosions. Mr Gover also found a rucksack in the same area and took police there. Earlier Mr John Nutting, for

the prosecution, said the case was found to contain explosives and 10 guns. Mr O'Dhuibhir, aged 28, and Mr McComb, aged 22, were arrested after a 42-day stakeout of the site - and of another spot near by where a smaller discovery was made by detectives,

The court was told that the two were arrested at gunpoint after unearthing items from the hiding places. They deny conspiring with persons un-known to cause explosions in the United Kingdom before December 22 last year.

Detective Sergeant lan McLeod, of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said he substituted items found in the case before it was re-buried. The trial was adjourned until

Donna Maguire, an alleged IRA terrorist wanted by police in The Netherlands in connection with the murder of two tourists, is expected to be extradited from Belgium by Christmas, a Dutch court was

police operation after being arrested for possessing cannabis, a court martial at Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire, was told yesterday. They helped police to arrest 71 people on charges including drug dealing and armed robbery Mark Stephenson, aged 23,

of Wallasey, Merseyside, and Jason Pottage, aged 19, of Wakefield, were given eight months' detention. Stephen Turner, aged 21, of Runcorn, and Peter McEwan, aged 18, of Edinburgh, were given six months. The four were also dismissed. Gavin Martin, aged 18, of Motherwell, was given six months. All five admitted possessing cannabis.

Home improves

Lord Home of the Hirsel, who as Sir Alec Douglas Home was prime minister during the early 1960s, was recovering in hospital yesterday after hav-ing suffered a stroke. Lord Home, aged 87, was taken to Sarum private hospital in Winchester, Hampshire, on Monday. A hospital spokeswoman said: "He is showing a steady improvement and took a telephone call this morning."

Subsidy appear

Farmers in the European Community should receive subsidies only if their methods of growing crops and rearing livestock benefit the environment, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds says in a report published today. As many as 43 bird species are threatened in Britain by intensive farming practices and could benefit from a change in the way subsidies are allocated, the report says.

Inflation 'wipes out extra £3bn for health service'

MOST of the extra £3 billion secured by Kenneth Clarke. the former health secretary, to spend on the health service next year will be wiped out by

The Healthcare Financial ment Association predicted that if pay awards rose to 9 per cent next year, there would be no money left to develop hospital and community services. Even if pay awards stay at the 6 per cent provided for in the autumn statement, health authorities would have only £206 million for real growth in the service once demographic factors and medical advances had been aken into account.

This minimal growth also

being able to raise £175 mil- reforms and other calls on lion in cost-improvement pro- income such as clinical gradgrammes and income-genera- ing appeals and medical neg-

inflation and pay awards, the the association, which is a The association's financial government was told branch of the Chartered In- report on the health service, stitute of Public Finance and published yesterday, showed Accountancy, said: "Although it seemed a generous settlement, if pay and prices rise above 6 per cent and there is no central funding from the government, there will difficulties next year.

Mr Grimes said that a large proportion of the extra £1.72 billion allocated for hospital services would be eroded by inflation, at 6 per cent (£885 million), and the knock-on effect of a shortfall on pay and prices last year, estimated at £300 million. The implementation of the health service

young woman would en-

think they could avoid jail by

Yesterday, in his letter

which came after other corres

pondence and a meeting with

Judge Pickles this month,

Lord Mackay pointed out that

the judge had made his re-marks despite his undertaking

to the Lord Chancellor las

year that he would not discuss

in public any case in which he

It was not the first time the judge, who has said he will

had been involved in a way

retire next year, had attracted

controversy. He once de-scribed the previous Lord

Chancellor, Lord Hailsham

as a brooding, quixotic dic-

tator and a pompous, toffee-

In his letter, Lord Mackay

also made clear his concern

about Judge Pickles undertak-

ing media engagements for a

fee. He accepts the judge's

assurance that he will not in

future accept fees for appear-

ances, engagements or news-

paper articles "which depend

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getting pregnant.

relied on health authorities

livered a public "serious re-

buke" to James Pickles, the

circuit judge, over remarks in

which he likened the Lord

Chief Justice to an ancient

In letter marking the climax

of several months' corres-

pondence with Judge Pickles, Lord Mackay of Clashfern

said that his remarks, made

during an impromptu press

conference in a public house,

However, in the letter, re-

leased by the Lord Chan-

cellor's department yesterday, Lord Mackay said that he

would not be taking any

further action because Judge

Pickles had accepted that he

should not have made the

in recent years that a judge has been rebuked by the Lord Chancellor. In December

1988 Lord Mackay rebuked

Sir Harold Cassel, QC, over

remarks he made when he

failed to jail a former police-

man convicted of abusing his

A rebuke is the one sanction

available to the Lord Chan-

1971, for incapacity or mis-

Marylebone when Lord Chan-

cellor over a customs offence.

comments at the press con-

criticised him for jailing a

mother aged 19, with her

baby, because she had allowed

customers to steal from the

shop where she worked. The

step-daughter.

This is only the second time

remark and had apologised.

merited serious rebuke.

Judge who called

Lord Chief Justice

dinosaur rebuked

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

ion schemes. ligence would cost a further Chris Grimes, director of £200 million.

that health authorities overspent by £100 million in 1989-90, an underlying deficit that had to be cleared by April next year before an internal market starts operating. Although Mr Grimes is confident that almost all this recurrent deficit would be eliminated in time albeit at the expense of bed closures - he pointed out that health authorities also owed a further £100 million to

The association has broken down the cost of different specialties in different parts of the country, revealing wide variations. The cost of an orthopaedic operation was nearly twice as expensive in a London teaching district (£1,312) than a provincial teaching district (£797) or any other district (£718). The report said that £37 million could be saved on orthopaedic services alone if all districts managed to reduce their costs to the national average.

THE Lord Chancellor has de- Judge Pickles' sentence and Mr Orims advised William his comment that releasing the Waldegrave, the health secretary, to proceed cautiously courage women offenders to with the reforms and sugested that fewer than half of the 65 hospitals that had applied to become selfgoverning should proceed.

Health Service Trends (CIPFA, 3 Robert Street, London WC2N 6BH; £75 to health authorities)

Equity man quits after 17 years

By SIMON TAIT ARTS CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR official of Equity the actors' union, has resigned because of "serious misconduct" in achieving union membership for two young women he met in a night club, one of whom he believed not to be qualified. Archie Macmillan, aged 55

assistant secretary (variety) has left after more than 17 years on the union's staff Equity has launched an investigation into how the two women came to be granted membership. Equity said that Mr Mac-millan had resigned over his

relationship with the women and the fact that they had been given membership had become known to a number of people who frequented the club. "Mr Macmillan felt that he could no longer represent the union." The union has often come

exclusivity although Peter Plouviez, its general secetary, denies that it has ever opcrated a pre-entry closed shop.



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Lord Chief Justice sitting in the Court of Appeal freed the An outcry had followed

under attack for its alleged

Pickles: no further action

Township violence threatens reform talks

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

multiracial democracy has en- Members of a joint working tered a critical phase, following apparently inconclusive
talks yesterday between President de Klerk and Nelson

group debating the issue said
before the meeting they expected Mr de Klerk and Mr
dent de Klerk and Nelson Mandela the deputy president conduct" for protest demon-of the African National strations and the security A joint statement issued

after the two-hour meeting in Pretoria said both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to negotiations, but expressed concern at developments threatening the reform process. They had defined the "areas of concern" and agreed on the priority of issues requiring prompt attention. Mr Mandela's only comment to reporters was that the mood of the meeting had been "cordial, as usual",

The principal concern on both sides is political intimidation and violence, which has stalled movement towards constitutional negotiations, and differences remain on how to end it. Each has been blaming the other for bloody clashes between black dem-

Yeltsin under attack

From Mary Dejevsky

IN A clear attempt to restore their waning political in-fluence, the Russian Federation's Communists yesterday launched their first all-out attack on Boris Yeltsin and his radical policies since he was narrowly elected president of the Soviet Union's largest republic in May.

Watched by President Gorbachev from the state president's balcony, Mr Yeltsin called in his opening address for "an end to confrontation". After a stout defence of Russian sovereignty and a ringing en-dorsement of private land ownership, he seemed to have the congress under control. The draft agenda, in which discussion of a new constitution was replaced by consideration of amendments to the old one, was passed by a large majority.

Then, in a move apparently planned at a special meeting of Communist delegates the previous day, delegates began to call for additions to the agenda, including discussion of the new Union treaty. After the break Mr Yeltsin

agreed to "an exchange of views" on the subject, but this could lead to demands for consideration of a policy document.

It is being suggested that Mr Gorbachev might have backed the call for discussion of the treaty to gain the Russian Federation's approval of it, so pre-empting opposition from other republics.

If the Russian Congress of People's Deputies were to endorse the treaty, it would be clear to other republics that, if Russian resistance could be so easily broken, their own would stand much less of a

SOUTH Africa's transition to onstrators and security forces. forces' response. Any such agreement would have to be ratified on both sides before

> resign and make way for a supervise the drafting of a new constitution. Thabo Mbeki, the foreign affairs chief, re-peated calls for a more representative government. Ad-dressing a business conference in Johannesburg, he argued that an interim government would reduce political conflict and instil confidence that the elimination of apartheid was irreversible. He said the National Party government should realise it had been placed in power by a small minority of South Africans, and should accept the need for

Referring to the unprecedented level of political violence, the newspaper said: "Absolute National Party rule over the country is steadily osing the legitimacy required for effective government ... Once agreement can be reached on some form of bower-sparing quring nesotia-

peace protest should be permitted. "Demonstrations take place because grievances have not been addressed, and not because the demonstrators are bloody-minded," he said. It would be over-optimistic to expect less conflict in South Africa than had occurred when governments changed in Eastern Europe. Mr de Klerk has called a

three-day conference of his cabinet and senior party officials at a secret location near Pretoria next week to debate future strategy. A similar meeting a year ago led to the decision to unban the ANC. Government sources expect plans to broaden the negotiation process into a multiparty forum, and on pledges to legislation during next year's parliamentary session.

The peace talks were given backed and stabbed to death outskirts of a black township near Johannesburg.

back against the greasy-haired

look by insisting that it is best achieved with the use of their

Mickey Rourke's manager

insists that the actor washes

his hair daily and then uses

lots of gel. But to stay ahead of

the game, he has recently had

next fashion to sweep Amer-

stars going bare-top.

Again, the style seems to be

a harking back to the days of

shiny-pated Kojak played by

Telly Savalas. Several other

stars have refused to wear

But for some the decision is

not one of choice. When the

ael Milken, was sent to jail for

10 years, the headlines in the

popular press focused on the

fact that because of prison

regulations he would have to

their hairpieces off-screen.

Indeed, baldness may be the

Trend-setters have spot-

an unusual number of

skills and products.

Trend setters go for greasy hair

CALIFORNIA'S Golden ture grows old enough to Boys are abandoning their become nostalgic and a new blow-dryers and throwing out generation of teenagers their shampoo to achieve the emerges. latest fashion in hair styles dirty hair. Hairdressers on the cutting edge in Los Angeles report that young trend-setters are asking for the "into the wind, Harley-man look".

"What started as a move manufacturers have fought away from traditional yuppiclooking hair styles has emerged into a trend for men who want to look more macho and streetwise," said the Bev-erly Hills stylist Allen Edwards, who owns six beauty salons in southern California.

This unkempt style has been dubbed le look Mickey Rourke after the tousled locks of the star of the films 9% Weeks and Wild Orchid, and has already appeared on the models of the French designer, Jean Paul Gaultier, and in the

pages of Italian Vogue. Some say the fashion travelled across the Atlantic from Britain where limeys are still renowned for their aversion to bathing. But the greasy look is as much a throwback to the late 1960s and early 1970s former junk bond king, Michwhen hippies made hair a political statement.

Music and clothes from that era have made a dramatic comeback this year as the first regulations he w generation of the youth cul-

being announced. The ANC is also increasing pressure on the government to

joint supervision of the transi-tion to democracy.

Pretoria is firmly opposed to the idea, as well as to ANC demands for a constituent assembly, and President de Klerk has given no indication of relenting. However, the ANC campaign is gathering momentum. It has gained support from more radical groups, such as the Pan Africanist Congress and the Azanian People's Organisation and yesterday Business Day, a sober Johannesburg daily accordance of the particular of the particular of the posterior of the particular of t daily, expressed qualified

power-snaring chiring negocia-tions, there is more scope for creative thinking than the angry protagonists may think right now."

Mr Mbeki repeated the ANC view that all forms of

repeal remaining spartheid

added urgency a few hours before they began, when at least 11 people were shot,

The unwashed look fits in snugly with the new concern for the environment and the anti-chemical bias which it Hair stylists and hair-care

Reading. 14th November 1990. The lorry is loaded.

detergents, soap, shampoo. A photocopier, an electric cooker, a washing machine and drier. Antibiotics, antivirals, antimicotics. Toys, swings, climbing frames and ropes.

They then contacted organisations involved in the manufacture and marketing of these products. The story was simple: "We can get the aid to Romania - direct to the people who need it. Will you give us the materials?". Allied Lyons said "yes", Glaxo said "yes", Whirlpool said "yes", Amway said "yes", Lion Publishers said "yes", Lagap Pharmaceuticals said "yes". And these are simply the ones there is room to mention. Over 20 British companies said "yes" and over £90,000 in aid was raised.



THE AID ARRIVES.

Exhausted, but exhilarated, the Feed The Children staff begin their deliveries. At the

Municipal Hospital Constanta, where medical supplies are welcomed as lifesavers. At the orphanage at Cernavoda, 40 miles west of Constanta, where 160 children aged from three months to five years are resident. 70 of these children are diagnosed HIV positive. Back in October, the orphanage's paediatrician and psychologist had agreed priority requirements with Feed The Children. The arrival of the aid gives them hope to



a colourful but solemn parade, Shinto priests in billowing robes slowly led the way on foot at the start of the emperor's two-day pilgrimage to the shrine (Reuter reports from Ise). After arriving at the first of two shrines dedicated to the sun goddess and the food god, Japan's founding

inner sanctuary to perform a secret rite in private. "Only once during his reign does the emperor make this

Lee keeps his finger on pulse of Singapore

prime minister in more than 30 years unveiled his governnew name is an unknown who will join a new ministry of information and the arts.

change in Goh Chok Tong's named to the post of senior minister in the prime minister's office. Combined with his position as secretary-general of the People's Action party, Mr Lee clearly intends to guard his legacy tenaciously from the grave if necessary. Even from my sickbed, even if you are going to lower me into the grave and I feel that something is wrong, I will get

Mr Lee's nightmare is that a radical government will win power, ignore its Confucian upbringing and waste the country's inheritance like some spoilt child. But the more immediate problem for his successors is not the exchequer but declining relations with neighbouring countries and the increasing drain of talented Singaporeans wanting to escape the claustro-phobic atmosphere engend-

SINGAPORE'S first new ered by a managed press and a "nanny knows best" government. Foreign relations will be ment yesterday with only one hard to repair, given the fresh face in the line-up. The personal nature of Mr Lee's

foreign policy.

Only three days before Mr.

Goh was due to take office, Mr. Lee signed a new water agreement with Malaysia, one of government, Lee Kuan Yew is named to the post of senior relationship which is deteriorating not only at the official level but because of the demeanour of the rich appy Singaporean who now treats the rest of Southeast Asia much as the Americans did in an earlier era.

Despite all his efforts to educate the people and ca-Mr Lee never understood that having got that higher standard of education, the people would seek the Western values of democracy and freedom of speech that he once so much admired and now finds less attractive. Like any father, Mr Lee still looks on his people as children unable to appreciate the changes they have gone

Mr Lee so far has provided for his people's material needs. The search for a spiritual-political credo goes on:

THE CHILDREN OF ROMANIA

"THEY DID NOTHING TO DESERVE THIS NIGHTMARE. IF WE DO NOTHING A WORSE NIGHTMARE IS CERTAIN"

David Grubb, European Director, Feed The Children. 2/10/90 Negru Voda, Southern Romania.

A year ago, the Western World knew little of the plight of 'Ceansescu's Children'. The uprising heightened our awareness but, tragically for tens of thousands of children, Ceausescu's legacy remains. Empty stomachs, empty medicine cupboards. Institutionalised corruption and virtual imprisonment of children in crumbling orphanages.

Last lap: Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko of Japan return-

ing home in a horse-drawn carriage after the emperor yesterday com-

began on November 12, by reporting

it to the Shinto gods at the Grand Shrine of Ise, the religion's centre. In

In October of this year, two senior Feed The Children personnel visited Romania. They found, to their horror, evidence of aid being misdirected and mismanaged. They made promises. Promises that aid provided through Feed The Children would reach the children for whom it was intended. It would neither rot in warehouses, nor find its way onto the black market. The promises were made. Now could they be kept?

OCTOBER

GATHERING THE AID STARTS.

On their return to the U.K., the Feed

The Children staff examined the 'needs list' they had brought back from Romania. Blankets, plastic sheeting, shoes. Canned soup, mattresses, bed linen. Medicines, food and drink concentrates, tinned fruit. Disinfectant



Negru Voda, Romania. Oct 90. Feed The Children visit the orphanage.

NOVEMBER

THE AID IS ON ITS WAY.

The Feed The Children lorry is loaded to capacity as it leaves our Reading base. Throughout its

journey, from Dover through Belgium, Germany, Austria and Hungary it is never unguarded. Feed The Children's European Director is onboard. In four days he doesn't leave the lorry.

face the harsh winter shead. It's the same story at the soup kitchen and the orphanage at Negru Voda. Feed The Children has brought hope, Arrangements made for the safe storage and scrupulous distribution of the aid (to be supervised by Feed The Children staff), the lony, by now several tons lighter, begins its journey back to the UK. MISSION

Romania's children

cannot be banished by a single influx of aid. We estimate that each of the

institutions we have already helped will need further support early in 1991. And there are dozens of equally deserving:

Our next trip to Romania is already scheduled. This trip we relied on businesses to give us the aid we needed. Now we must ask for the help of the people. We know you care. Please give. As generously-and as quickly-as you can.

Ceausescu's children did nothing to deserve this nightmare. Please don't stand by and do nothing now.



The orphanage at Cernavoda. 19th November 1990. Locals help unload the aid.

PHONE YOUR HELP TODAY. You can make a donation to Feed The Children using your or

CALL 0800 181 277 (calls free - lines open 9am - 6pm daily). OR USE THE COUPON





Feed The Children, Romania Appeal, 23 Prospect Street, Caversham, Reading, Berks RG4 8JB.

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Romania by donating to Feed The Children. My donation will be used for urgently needed supplies and their safe transportation and distribution. Please tick a box or write in the

amount of your donation: £10 £20 £50 £500

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(delete which is not applicable)

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If you would also like more information, for yourself or your company, about Feed The Children and other ways you can

21 years; customers aged 21 to 24 subject to status and a surcharge. Driver must have an acceptable driving licence. Contact participating Tour Operators for full terms and co

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Unwavering King Fahd attacks Iraq 'treachery'

IN THE run-up to the United Nations vote on the use of treachery" in providing misstanchly defended the de-line leader loss of face, reof Saudi Arabia, once regarded as the Arab world's great conciliator, has flatly dismissed any suggestion of talks with Iraq before its troops have withdrawn un-

conditionally from Kuwait, "Negotiations on what? To compensate the aggressor? I do not think anybody will even consider it," the Saudi monarch said in a hardline speech delivered to Saudi citizens gathered in the al-Salem Palace in Jedda.

Diplomatic sources said that the address was a determined attempt to convince Iraq and the world at large that there will be no wavering in the Saudi stand in the crucial

The king disclosed publicly for the first time details of

intentions in the days before the August 2 invasion.

King Fahd said that shortly before the invasion he had sent Prince Saud al-Faisal, minister of foreign affairs, to inquire about the intensified training of Iraqi forces. The prince was falsely informed by President Saddam Hussein that it was "routine training to enhance Iraq's military capability".

The king, like President Muharak of Egypt, claimed President Saddam had assured him that he would not attack Kuwait. King Fahd said he tried to call President invasion, but the Iraqi leader had never responded.

During the long speech seen by some observers as an attempt to prepare Sandi

leading information about his cision to bring in foreign ate and united response of countries like America and

> army had not been capable of against an Iraqi force which on August 2 consisted of 150,000 men, 2,500 tanks plus warplanes and other armoured vehicles. He reassured his audience that the foreign troops would leave Saudi soil once the legitimacy of Kuwait had been restored

Many senior Sandis are convinced that President Sad-dam will withdraw of his own volition once the UN resolution sanctioning force is passed. This conviction is not shared by many Western mili-tary experts. The king empha-

garded as the crucial element in Arab diplomacy often igby American officials.

"If he withdraws his troops tomorrow from Kuwait, it will not cause him any humiliation," the king said. "I still from this position, as I have done before, to let reason prevail. It would be nothing strange for him to declare tomorrow that he will actually pull out totally from Kuwait, without conditions, and leave Kuwait to its rightful govern-

ment, people and leadership. The king's unequivocal lanas a sign that Saudi Arabia is prepared to use its weight in the Arab world much more publicly than in the past, when its speeches on sensitive Arab issues were masterworks of



From Richard Owen

FIVE Israeli soldiers were killed and a sixth was wounded yesterday in a clash with four Arab gunmen inside Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon, further deepening Israeli anxiety over worsening border

security.

Israeli planes immediately aunched raids on Pulestinian bases in southern Lebanon in retaliation.

There were conflicting ac-counts of the clash at Shebaa in the eastern part of the security zone, nine miles north of Israel and three miles west of Syria. Israel radio first reported that one of the Arab ndibratora had blown himself up in a suicide attack, but later suggested that one of the Israeli soldiers had nocidentally dropped a hand grenade while coming under fire. An Israeli army spokesman said only that the clash, the fourth on an Israeli border since last Saturday, had involved "guns

Two of the four Arab gunmen were also killed and one was wounded. The army spokesman said the heavily armed Arabs had been intercepted while heading for Israel to carry out terrorist attacks.

There was shock in Israel not only over the fact that four Arabs had killed five Israelis but also over the continuation of infiltration attempts. Eleven Israeli soldiers in all have been killed in border incidents in the past two weeks.

Apart from attacks in south ern Lebanon, two Israeli soldiers have been killed on the border with Jordan and three - plus a civilian bus driver were shot dead in Sunday's ambush of Israeli vehicles by an Egyptian border policeman near Eilat on the Red Sea.

The suspect in the Egyptian attack was said yesterday to have told Egyptian interro-gators that he had carried out the murders in revenge for the killing of Palestinians by Israeli border police on Temple Mount last month. Israeli leaders attribute the attacks on Israel's frontiers to the "climate of fanaticism and agita-tion" created by President Saddam Hussein. But in the case of Lebanon they also point to signs that Shia Mus-lim militias, such as Hezbollah and Amal, are moving



Thirsty work: Officers of the 39th Royal Engineers take a break in their preparations for war in the Saudi desert

to secret destinations

By Andrew McEwen, deplomatic editor, and Our Foreign Staff

THE 58 British hostages About 500 Britons remain in wives flew to Baghdad to moved from strategic sites in hiding in Kuwait, in addition plead for their release were

hiding in Kuwait, in addition

to 350 Britons detained in Iraq

and 400 living there but

unable to leave the country.

The foreign office yesterday

warned Britons living in Bah-

rain, Qatar and the eastern

region of Saudi Arabia not to

bring their children at school

in Britain out to join them for

Christmas. There are 7,100

Britons in the eastern prov-ince, 2,870 in Quar and 4,725

in Bahrain, including a total of

Small numbers of Britons

continue to be allowed to leave Iraq. The Foreign Office

said that three students flew to

Jordan yesterday and it was

believed that a further 10

people would be released

following the visit to Baghdad

by Ronald Brown, the Labour

MP for Edinburgh, Leith. Ten

husbands who were given

7,495 women and children.

British hostages are sent | Saddam breaks his pledge to Moscow

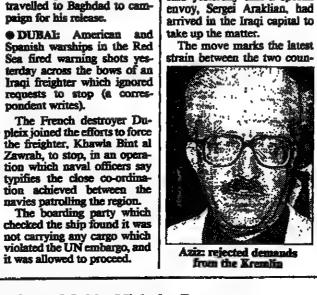
From Nicholas Beeston in Baghdad

IRAQ appears to have reneged on a promise to the Kremlin that 1,000 Soviet expatriate workers would be allowed to return home by the end of this month. Soviet officials here said yesterday that a special envoy, Sergei Araklian, had

tries which came to a head on Monday when President Gorbachev attacked Iraq during talks with the visiting Iraqi foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, in Moscow. The Soviet leader demanded that all foreign nationals, and in particular Soviet workers, be allowed to leave immediately and insisted that Iraqi forces withdraw from Kuwait. Tass said "Iraq could face the very worst" if it ignored the

Yesterday the Iraqi foreign minister rejected the call and reiterated that Baghdad would never succumb to pressure.

The Soviet Union, with 3,500 expatriates in Iraq, has the largest number of foreign workers trapped here. Earlier this month President Suddam Hussein promised Moscow's special envoy, Yevgeni Prima-kov, that 1,000 Soviet na-tionals would be allowed to return home by November 30.



permission to go after their it was allowed to proceed.

also due to leave yesterday. A

woman who had chosen to

at a strategic site in Basra, has

paign for his release.

pondent writes).

emain with her husband, held

BAGHDAD NOTEBOOK by Nicholas Beeston School prank sows fear of the Black Palm

raq has made much of the effects of sanctions depriving its child-ren of food and milk, but the shortages, it seems, have in no way dented the youngsters' lively imagination.

moved from strategic sites in

Kuwait are now being moved

to undisclosed destinations in

Iraq. A diplomat in the region

said he expected that they

were being moved to potential

war targets, perhaps to take the place of "human shield"

hostages who have been set

Their transfer appears to

increase the risk of their being injured in the event of an

attack by Western forces.

Western diplomats were not

permitted to speak to the

detainees when they were brought into the Mansour

Melia hotel in the centre of

Baghdad from their dispersal

Two more Britons who had

been hiding in Kuwait were arrested on Monday and are

being held at the Regency

Palace hotel. They are expected to be taken to Baghdad.

free recently.

sites in Kuwait.

The mystery of the "Black Palm" gang, as it has been dubbed in Baghdad, started two weeks ago when schoolchildren, evidently bent on missing classes, began issuing threats against their younger school mates in the name of a secret and deadly organisation intent on murdering young boys and girls by slitting their throats. Pages ripped out of textbooks with threats of you are next" and signed "al-Kuff al-Aswad" (the Black Palm) began appearing at schools along with handmarks supposedly dipped in

the blood of the gang's victims. In most countries the hoax would have been quickly exposed, although in this case some foreign newspapers where also taken in, but in a society dominated by rumour and paranoia the childish prank was interpreted by parents and teachers as the start of a campaign by Palm" impression on the school anarchist deserters from the army wall. Ahmad, ased 15. who was bent on avenging Kuwaiti children who died in the Iraqi invasion.

Schoolchildren refused to go to classes, mothers kept their sons and daughters at home, and anxious neighbours advised families to keep their doors locked during the day. As the trend swept the schools of

several cities, two teenagers were actually shot at last week near the British embassy in Baghdad when they were caught by soldiers scrawling threats on their school wall.
Finally, the chief of police in

Bashdad and the minister of the interior called a meeting to restore order and apprehend the gang, whose ringleaders turned out to be a group of 15 boys and girls aged between 10 and 15, who were forced to make a televised confession.

The truth would, unfortunately. have sounded all too familiar to any teacher around the world. One young boy admitted to killing a bird and smearing the animal's blood on his hand to make the deadly "Black

wall Ahmad, aged 15, who was accused of making threatening phone calls told Iraqi TV that "it was just a bit of fun" and "we didn't mean any harm," while Said, aged 12, claimed that his friend Ali had

ut if teenage Iraqis have But it recouge him their problems, so in greater measure do adult Iraqis aged around thirty who really thought they had done more than their bit for their country. Already suffering from the effects of the economic embargo, some 250,000 Iraqis aged between 29 and 32 are now being called up on masse to go and protect Kuwait against the threatened invasion by Western forces.

The unpopular presidential decree, for men who believed they would never have to serve again after surviving the eight-year Gulf war with Iran, has led the government to take extreme action in order to conscript some of its more reluctant soldiers. One street in

Baghdad was recently blocked off by security forces as an old-fashionedstyle press gang rounded up any young men of military age.

Some Iraqis, however, are desperate enough, or ingenious enough, to think up ways of disqualifying themselves from the call-up, as recruitment officers around the country are discovering.

One Baghdad taxi driver, who has to register or face execution for being a deserter, admitted being tempted to commit suicide rather than putting on his uniform again and joining his previously disbanded brigade as a gunner in a missile battery, one of the most vulnerable jobs in the event of war.

Other Iraqis with more influence are attempting less radical evasion tactics, including one reluctant soldier whose father bought him a plot of land, "Because of the food shortages he is meant to be exempt if he can claim to be a farmer," said his father. "But the army weren't fooled, so he is rejoining his unit in

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Zhivkov confesses socialist sins and seeks West's mercy

Todor Zhivkov, Bulgaria's former dictator, is a scared and angry man. He is particularly bitter towards the leadership of the ruling Bulgarian Socialist Party, the heir to the communist party, for trying to make him "the number one scapegoat in Bulgaria."

While admitting "pol-itical responsibility" in an interview, Mr Zhivkov said: "I am not legally responsible. I have not committed a crime against my people or the world."

The former leader appealed to people in the West, particularly the United States, to come to his defence. He said: "No other head of state in recent history has been so in-

Formerly among the slavish Soviet satellite leaders, Todor Zhivkov tells Tim Judah he was wrong and now puts his faith in the United States

nearly 80 and have been subject to 'vandal' conditions. I appeal to the West to check if Todor Zhivkov or his family have even one dollar abroad. I am facing corruption charges but I have only my clothes and very little money."

For 35 years, until he was overthrown in November 1989, Mr Zhivkov, was Bulgaria's undisputed master. Under him, Bulgaria had the reputation of being the Soviet Union's most loyal ally and Mr Zhivkov

obsequious of the East European satellite leaders. Today, under house arrest and facing trial, Mr Zhivkov claims that socialism way a cuistuke.

"I have been a soldier and I have been a communist." he said in the interview at the luxury villa of his granddaughter, Evgenia, "but I have also been honest . fs2. i have served my people and country but now I must admit that we started from the wrong basis. The socialist foundation was wrong."

not have been a communist and neither, if he had been alive today, would Lenn.

"Now perhaps we have to cling to the United States. If I was ruling today, I would go and decisively strike up a deal with the United States. say this not just for pragmatic reasons but out of a deep conviction."

In 1973 Mr Zhivkov said the Soviet Union and Bulgaria would "act as a single body breathing with the same lungs and nourished Reminded of this, Mr Zhivkov chuckled in avuncular fashion and dismissed. such talk as mere "rhetoric and imagery",

he began to lose his faith in socialism in 1956, the year

ation of Stalin. However he added: "I would not say that I had realised how absurd some of its characteristics were. If I had known, I

would have been lying."

Mr Zhivkov describes socialism as "stillborn". Asked about the belief of Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, that communism would still triumph, Mr Zhivkov scoffed

On Bulgaria's participa-tion in the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, he said: "From today's point of view I have no doubt that it was an occupation and that nothing can justify it. But at that time we were allied to the Soviet Union and we had to

exactly ordered to participate but I could not refuse." came to power in 1985 Mr Zhivkov began to look

increasingly anachronistic and perestroiks and glasnost were introduced to Bulgaria only haltingly and grudgingly. However, Mr Zhivkov claims that this impression was wrong and in fact that be had been far ahead of Mr Gorbachev.

He then produced a document that he claimed was the transcript of a meeting between himself and the Soviet leader in 1987. In it, Mr Gorbachev berates the Balkan leader for having around him people who even as much as think of making Bulgaria a miniconcern us".

Discussing Bulgaria's sec ret services, Mr Zhivkov said that their alleged involvement in the infamous "poisoned umbrella murder" of the Bulgarian exile and writer, Georgi Markov, in London in 1978 was "imagination". He added "I have never signed a political death warrant."

In the recent memoirs of the KGB defector, Oleg Gordievsky, the author claims that Markov was killed by the KGB at Bulgaria's request. Mr Zhivkov says: "This is a lie ... Can you imagine me going to Brezhnev and asking him to do this?.. these are all imaginary things, just like all the stories about the



Zhivkov: says Lenin would

Beaten rival backs Walesa to block way for Tyminski

POLAND'S prime minister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, whose government collapsed on Monday night, yesterday pledged his support for the presidential bid of his chief rival, Lech Walesa of Solidarity.

The peace offering was sup-posed to heal some of the wounds inflicted on Solidarity during the election. It was also intended to block the path to the presidency of Stanislaw Tyminski, the Polish-Canadian businessman who is challenging Mr Walesa on December 9 in the second, conclusive round of the election.

Mr Walesa indicated yesterday that he would have stepped down had his main challenger been Mr Mazowiecki, in the interests of national unity. "But with the challenge of Mr Tyminski I am now obliged to take part in the second ballot - we cannot surrender Poland into uncontrolled

Mr Mazowiecki, tired and embittered, issued only a laconic statement of support for the Solidarity chairman. But one of his champions, Adam Michnik, explained. "Poland is facing the

Hanoi blitz on official corruption

Hanoi - Vietnam has sacked, tried or disciplined thousands of officials in a massive campaign to weed out corruption, but it said yesterday that it had not yet netted many of the real villains.

The Communist Party news-

paper Nhan Dan said that more than 18,000 officials from bank directors to policemen had been incriminated since the campaign began in July. But people were still reluctant to denounce their seniors and many corrupt officials had yet to be uncovered.

"People are still hesitant. They are not quite convinced of the results of this campaign," the newspaper said. (Reuter)

Women win

Lausanne — Switzerland's federal court has told the men of Appenzell innerrhoden they must immediately bow to progress and grant their womenfolk a local vote, finally breaching Europe's last bastion of all-male suffrage. The court said that the canton's persistent rejection of women's suffrage contravened the country's equal rights law. (Reuter)

Basque bombs

Bilbao - Basque separatist guerrillas claimed responsibility for a car bomb attack which killed two policemen and seriously wounded two others nine days ago. Eta also boasted of four other bomb attacks. In one of them, last Friday a car bomb wrecked a Civil Guards barracks in Tarragona. One of the three other bombs blew off a guardsman's leg. (Reuter)

Drugs haul

Harare - Police have seized a huge haul of illegal barbiturates worth more than \$15 million and arrested a leading official of the radical Pan Africanist Congress. The Herald reported that Ramudi Michael Maphai, 32, deputy chief representative in Harare of the PAC, and two other men appeared in court and were remanded without bail until January 29. (Reuter)

Damages award

Sydney - A jury in the Australian Supreme Court has awarded Mrs Jane Makim, aged 33, the Duchess of York's sister, \$Aus 300,000 (£120,000) in compensation for defamatory articles in five Australian newspapers which, it found, had suggested she had committed adultery and had tried to take her children away from their home in Australia. Mrs Makim lives in Sydney.

prospect of chaos and depression. We do not withdraw a single critical remark about Lech Walesa," he wrote in his newspaper, Gazeta Wyborcza, "We still believe that his policy of waging a war at the top and of acceleration has shattered the Solidarity camp, confused public opinion and entailed catastrophic consequences. But today only one candidate can be considered. The victory of Walesa will involve high risk for Poland — but the victory of Tyminski will bring the absolute certainty of degradation for our country.

Mr Tyminski has scared Solidarity into a semblance of unity. There was no real danger of Mr Walesa losing the race. But there was some risk that Walesa supporters would not bother to vote in large numbers, that Mazowiecki backers would boycott the ballot and that Mr Tyminski's followers, enthused by his dream of converting Poland into a Western-style society almost overnight, would turn out en

For Mr Walesa to win the presidency with only a narrow margin, on a very low nurnout, would destroy the point of the election, which was to mobilise Poles for the next painful push

Mr Manowiecki submitted his government's formal resignation to President Wojciech Jaruzelski yesterday. However, parliament will probably oblige the government to remain in office until the new president is elected. Even this short limbo is starting to cause problems. At the emergency cabinet session on Monday night some ministers thought that the budget for next year, which should be submitted to parliament by the end of the month, should be withheld lest it bind the future government. Dr Leszek Balcerowicz, the finance minister, who won the day, said this might lose international confidence.

Mr Tyminski, meanwhile, continues to clude the probing questions about his background. He caused an uproar yesterday by suggesting President Jaruzelski made the right decision in declaring martial law in 1981, as he was faced by an internal threat. Mr Tyminski would not say whether he would use martial law if he became president.

Mr Tyminski has the support of some discontented workers and of young post-Solidarity first-time voters, but needs to poach votes from Solidarity if he is to stand a chance. His main argument is that the fast move towards the market has caused as much, if not more, damage than the communists.

Asked whether he was not embarrassed by the disparity of the contest - the man who destroyed communism competing against a man who escaped from communism – Mr Tyminski made the point that hundreds of thousands of Poles are still seeking an exit from Poland, thwarted not by communism but by the austere market policies of the Mazowiecki leadership. That appears to be his groundswell of support.



All smiles: a cheerful Lech Walesa, chairman of Solidarity, addressing a news conference at his headquarters in Gdanak vestorday

SPD hare paces himself for 1994 race as tortoise Kohl plods towards victory

he is about to lose the most important election in his career so far, Oskar Lafontaine is in remarkably good spirits. The Social Democratic (SPD) no-hoper in Sunday's first all-German election is stomping the hustings, bringing a message of doom and gloom to a party faithful resigned to seeing Helmut Kohl win another four

Less than a year ago, Herr Lafontaine was one of the most popular politicians in the country, seemingly unstoppable in his drive to the chancellery. Unifica-tion under Herr Kohl's guidance changed all that. The polls have shown for some weeks that the chancellor's Christian Democrats have a 10 per cent lead over the SPD and the gap has, if anything, been widening as the campaign

Ponderous though he may be, Herr Kohl has easily lumbered past his quick-witted challenger in the home straight and is heading for the finishing line with all the assurance of Aesop's tortoise.

Herr Lafontaine, who enjoys betting at skat, Germany's favourite card game, made a bad gamble at the beginning of the year when he spoke out against too generous terms for German monetary union and opposed quick unifica-tion. That branded him as unpatriotic in the west, cost him the traditional left-wing vote in the east, and prompted Helmut Schmidt, the last SPD chancellor, to say last week that he deserved to

Undeterred, Herr Lafontaine goes right on complaining that

FOR A man who must know that miffication was badly conceived, socially disruptive and downright dangerous. It is unlikely to win him many votes on Sunday, but privately Herr Lafontaine has written off his immediate chances and is preparing the way for what he believes will be a landslide SPD victory in four years' time. He can expect that, if he picks up at least a third of Sunday's votes he will be chosen to stand for the party next timeand then thinks he will win handsomely.

His energetic electioneering, not often to packed houses, is directed to collecting at least that share of the vote, rather than to winning, The attack on him with a butcher's knife last April by a deranged woman has made him less confident, readier to accept the



in perspective.

He knows his arguments, a couple of months after unification, are too unpopular for victory now. Nevertheless, he hopes that next time round they will be regarded as wise and perceptive. He has built his case that Herr Kohl has not unification all wrong into an unscripted and witty speech, which he is delivering round both parts of the country on a special campaign train.

This week the train stopped off here in Ludwigshafen, where the chancellor was born and brought up, and where, in his home in the suburb of Oggersheim, he has entertained both President Gorbachev and President Buch in recent weeks. But Ludwieshafen is a staunchly SPD town. Herr Kohl has never won here and Herr Lafontaine is determined he never

Even though the andience only half filled a hall packed out to cheer the chancellor the night before, his challenger was in sparkling form as he went into his routine before a backcloth summing up his message of "a new way — ecologically, socially and economically". It is scarcely a catchy slogan, but

Herr Lafontaine makes it so. Hands fluttering like a tick-tack man, he holds the attention of the party faithful, playing for laughs, delivering punch lines with the timing of an Ernie Wise, whom he physically resembles so much.

He begins the speech with the environment, which he claims the government has been ignoring as it has rushed on with unification

possibility of defeat and put things plans. He is all for taxing petrol so much that people are forced to use their feet or bicycles, or to travel by train as he does. He makes a lot of the unemploy-

ment figures. The government has been massaging them to make it look as though three million out of work in the united country is an achievement. The true figure is acarly double that, he argues, since it fails to include those paid an allowance for doing nothing because they are officially listed as on short-time working in the east. He goes for what he knows will draw the biggest laugh of the evening. Among them, he says, are the five ministers co-opted into the cabinet by Herr Kohl from the Volkskammer, who are now drawing DM32,000 (£11,000) for doing nothing in Bonn.

Germans should be proud to know they were now billionaires. He pauses for effect, and then adds "billionaire debtors". The debts would grow because Germans in the west would be called on to pay more for the pensions, wages and social charges of those in the east. Social inequality would grow, the health services and education system would suffer, and the government's failure to introduce an effective immigration law meant thousands of refugees from the east would pour in, disrupting the fabric of society.

He gives credit for unification to his mentor, Willy Brandt, and to the policies of President Gorbachev. Herr Kohl's only contribution, he claims, was to carry it out faster and more expensively than was necessary or sensible.

Rail strike threatens entire German network

From Anne McElvoy

EASTERN Germany's railways were at a standstill yesterday as a strike by 260,000 workers went into its second day, provoking fears of a winter of discontent in

the aftermath of unification. The stoppage, which brought to a standstill all trains inside what was formerly East Germany, as well as services to the west of the country and the rest of Eastern Europe, is the first of what is expected to be a series of publicmetor mokes.

Thousands of passengers have been left stranded since all 26 mainline stations in the country closed on Sunday night. Special buses are running from eastern towns to the former border to link eastern and western Germany.

Employees of the eastern Reichsbahn network, heir to the pro-war imperial railway, currently paid a third of what their western Bundesbahn colleagues

earn, are demanding the equiva-lent of more than half. Some drivers also fear that a third of them will lose their jobs when the two networks merge at the beginning of next year and are

seeking a redundancy protection scheme similar to that in the west. The newly confident east German unions have shaken off their past as the puppets of the old communist regime and have adopted the successful strategies of unions in the west. They have also allied themselves with the western German railway workers union, which yesterday said there was strong support among its members for secondary action threatening the entire German

network by the end of the week. As the winter begins to bite, with sub-zero temperatures already commonplace in Berlin, industrial relations in five of the new Lander look likely to plague the first months of what is certain to be Helmut Kohl's new term as chancellor after Sunday's all-Ger-

Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) seems certain to keep the bedrock, so-called gratitude vote east Germans will deliver in return for speedy currency union and unification, but nevertheless expects a plunge in popularity after it regains office.

. Wolfgang Thierse, the rival Social Democratic Party's deputy leader an east Berlin, accused the CDU of "staving off the long bot autumn" by spending millions of marks keeping east German workers in part-time employment until the election is safely over. Even he admitted, however, that "nothing short of a miracle" would prevent the CDU's re-election.

More than half of east Germans employed in the former state industries have been put on compulsory half-time working. Without this holding measure, a million of the 12 million adult east Germans would be out of jobs.

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The demands of the railway workers are sure to be repeated throughout the industrial and public sector as redundancies loom on January 1, the date that most enterprises have set for trimming their workforces.

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New links with Poland forged at villa of German resistance hero

From ANNE MCELVOY

IN KRYZOWA

THE hamlet of Kryzowa, formerly Kreisau, lies frozen under a pall of frost and neglect amid the barren fields of lower Silesia. On a winter afternoon, the 200 residents are huddled in tiny cottages and a handful of scraggy geese are the only sign of life in the courtyard of one of Germany's most famous

family bomes. The estate of the von Moltkes, donated by Kaiser Wilhelm I to Bismarck's victorious field marshal for his leadership in the unification wars against Austria and France, stands in stern, dilapidated defiance of the on-

Apart from a few Polish families who lodged there when driven

Soviet Union, it has stood empty since it was last home to the field marshal's beir, Helmuth von Moltke, who used the remote villa for meetings of the Kreisan Circle, which sought to bring down Hitler via the church, political institutions and the establishment. He was executed for treason after the Stauffenberg bomb plot to kill Hitler in July 1944.

His widow, Freya, fled from Silesia with her "secret treasure" - 1,600 letters he had written to her about his attempts to build a broad opposition to the Third Reich. Throughout the war she hid them in the estate's bee hives. Since the thaw in German-Polish relations began last year, history has returned to Kreisan. With a group of Polish intellec-

found inspiration in von Moltke's opposition to dictatorship, Frau von Molike has set about commemorating her husband's work as a lawyer and diplomat who brought together church and political opponents of the Third

At 79 she has travelled from her home in America to raise funding for an international centre to be founded at the forgotten shrine of the Nazi resistance. "It was a shell," she said. "I was aghast when I thought of how beautiful it used to be, but now I am cheerful: this is the beginning of a new chapter for Kreisau."

Until recently the Polish authorities refused to allow any commemoration of the Moltke resistance. "It did not fit into the from the territories ceded to the mals from nearby Wroclaw, who picture," said Adam Zak, a Jesuit

priest involved in the restoration. a return of the land. "I have no The Moltkes were aristocrats, from a mighty military family. They were referred to only as plunderers and exploiters."

In the freezing fog of the courtyard, Cazimir Vyata, an elderly man who worked as a labourer on the estate, has waited several hours for Freya von Moltke, whom he refers to by her relinquished title of countess. "I just wanted to see her once again," he says in German grown rusty from disuse. "I always said that she would come, when the communists had gone: I wanted to see

But Frau von Moltke is anxious not to create fears of a return to the estate and is horrified by the flirtation of the expelled aristogram of the east with the idea of Kohl and the Polish prime min-

claim at all," she said. "How can I, a German, dare to claim anything from the Poles? Silesia must remain Polish as a mark of German repentance. My husband's life is to be commemorated in Kreisan and that is all I want

from German history."

Inside the crumbling villa, the roof is held up with beams and volunteers work without light to stave off decay. In the main dining room the elaborate stuccoed roof is still intact, together with an elaborately decorated tiled oven.

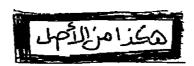
The rest is darkness. Restoring Kreisau will cost some 16 million marks (£5.4 million), a figure which seemed anattainable when the project began last year. Then Helmut

ister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, searching for a symbolic location to celebrate a reconciliation Mass lighted on the home of eastern resistance.

Herr Kohl's personal interest has led to the German government pledging a large donation to the costs. He has said he intends Kreisau to give young Germans the opportunity to meet Poles in the same way that community exchanges healed the war-wounds with France in his youth. For Frau von Moltke the project

"like the closing of a circle". Describing its future role, she refers to the letter her husband wrote to his sons just before his death: "I have fought against intolerance and the absolute, merciless consistency of the Germans."

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New start for Labour too

Martin Jacques

ever, is that the rules of the

political game are about to change.

not overnight, but certainly over time. They would have changed more quickly had Michael

Heseltine come out on top, but it

will happen none the less. How-

ever, while the new political

terrain may be more in its favour,

Labour will benefit only if it too is

prepared to move. Labour took almost a decade to find a way of

dealing successfully with Thatcherism It ditched those policies that Thatcherism had

made unpopular, laid claim to the

mantle of caring and compassion,

and sought to appear as anodyne, reasonable and respectable as

possible. The strategy was fine-tuned not to win positive support for Labour, but to enable it to be

the beneficiary of any collapse in support for Thatcherism.

That was all right while Mrs Thatcher was in office. Now it will no longer do. The ground of politics may be shifting in Labour's direction, but by the same token it will become contested ground. Labour can no longer stay silent and automati-

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cally assume, for example, that it will inherit the months of welfare.

Labour must compete for ground

over which previously it enjoyed a

monopoly. The one thing it can-

not do under these circumstances is to stand still. Labour now has to

make a positive appeal.

This will surely be Mr

Kinnock's greatest test, And the

omens are not encouraging. The policy review was first and fore-

most an exercise in exorcism.

Certainly there was the odd new

idea here and there, but no one

can claim for a moment that this

corpus of work represents a major

restatement of social democracy

for the 1990s. At no stage did the

process generate any intellectual excitement, either in the con-ference halls of the labour move-

ment or, for certain, in the country. The Labour party must now seek to exercise intellectual limbs which, for all the talk of intellectual transformation, have so far remained largely encased in

I conclude with a telling exam-

ple: the welfare state. Throughout

the Western world the old welfare

state is in crisis, above all fiscal

Thatcherism's preferred response

was to privatise. That cut little ice with the electorate. Labour's re-

sponse has been to pretend that

in the sand. Throughout the era of Thatcherism it has stubbornly

refused to rethink the nature of the

public services. Its case has rested

on a simple defence. In an area where Labour should have some-

n the manic atmosphere of the last few days, a strange assumption has begun to grip the body politic. With Mrs Thatcher gone, the belief that the next election is already virtually in the bag for the Conservatives has almost acquired the status of common sense. The thinking behind the assumption is not difficult to fathom. The opinion polls are showing a Tory lead for the first time for over a year. The Tories have dispensed with their main electoral liability, and Labour's electoral strategy clearly

needs to be rethought.
But this is a superficial way of thinking about a momentous political change. We are now moving into the post-Thatcherite era. This will see a transformation of the political environment and the dynamics of party politics. Mrs Thatcher presided over a profound shift that struck at the heart of the social-democratic state. Labour was the major casualty. Throughout the 1980s it was a political outsider. Only in the last year or so has the Great Experi-ment begun to turn sour and enable Labour again to look like a

Serious political contender.

With John Major as the new prime minister, we are about to witness the beginning of the long retreat from aspects of the Thatcherite legacy. The era we are now entering will see a renewed belief in the caring society and a turning away from the brutal ideological antipathy towards the state that was Mrs Thatcher's personal ballmark. The param-eters of politics, in other words, will move much closer to Labour's traditional stamping ground. In-stead of being the outsider looking in, Labour will become, for the first time since 1979, an insider. It does not follow that Labour

will win the next election. But it is worth bearing in mind that when, in the recent past, a party has moved on to the ground of its adversary, this has presaged a subsequent change of govern-ment. That was the case in the early 1960s with the Tories, and again in the late 70s with Labour.

The post-Thatcherite era will be different in a more personal sense. For a decade Mrs Thatcher dominated the political stage as no other peacetime prime minister this century has done. And with that dominance went an aura of invincibility that began to desert her only over the last year. She brooded over the political land-scape like a de Gaulle or a Churchill, casting a spell that greatly restricted her adversaries'

room to manoeuvre. Her successor will inherit neither that remarkable dominance nor the air of invincibility. Starting virtually from scratch, he will be the poll tax, neither of which admits of an easy solution.

The key point to grasp, how-

Ronald Butt says the Conservatives have made the right choice

The tasks ahead for Major

n making John Major their leader, the Conservatives have once more opted for the most adventurous of the possible choices before them, just as they did when they elected Mrs Thatcher. There is, however, one cardinal difference. When Mrs Thatcher became prime minister, a period of tension (albeit cre-ative) began in the cabinet as she battled either to win over critical colleagues to her very different policies, or to shed them from her cabinet. That will not be a difficulty facing Mr Major. His task is to take Thatcherism on to a new phase, which the bulk of the cabinet and party have already recognised as essential and which would have been much harder to achieve if Mr Heseltine had omited Mrs Thatcher.

In other words, the next phase of Tory government begins in unity. But Mr Major should bring to the government much more than unity and a shot of instant popularity. What he has to do is create a new synthesis between a stringent anti-inflation policy, which is itself in the interest especially of the less welloff, and a revision of attitudes to

social policy.

This needs inventiveness, a quality with which Mr Major is better endowed by his experience in government than Mr Hurd. Both realised that Thatcherism had reached the end of a phase. The question is how to move on to the next one, and a prime minister who has not only been in charge of macro-economic policy (as Chan-cellor of the Exchequer), but also responsible for the allocation of funds to the competing public services (as Chief Secretary) and as minister for social security, is well-placed to be inventive.

Mr Major has risen to the top fast, though, it should be remem-bered, not so fast in terms of offices held as (say) Mrs Thatcher, who had held no higher appointment than education secretary, or Lord Wilson, whose highest post had been president of the Board of Trade. He is not, like Mr Hescitine, a colourful figure who has kept himself in the public eye for years and who has concentraalternative Tory leader. Nor is he a politician with the particular brand of assured and easy selfconfidence with which a long political experience has endowed Mr Hurd. Before this week, Mr Major was to the general public largely unknown.

Yet well before the leadership contest, Mr Major was popular with his colleagues in the House of Commons — an invaluable buttress for a successful term of office. Mrs Thatcher's problem was that, long before the blows were struck which dethroned her, she had lost the full-hearted support of a large number of Tory MPs (perhaps most), because they failed to discern in her actions or utterances any understanding of the need for new thinking. Mr Major has already made it clear that he is positively eager to move on in the direction Tory MPs and their constituents want

Mrs Thatcher was both limited and sustained by a certain in-flexibility of outlook. She had come to power rightly seeing that an end had to be made to the dominant patterns of post-war politics: the inflationary spending of public money to sustain employment), the acceptance of corporatist assumptions (including the power over society of overmighty unions), the concentration of far too much industry in the public sector, and the frustration of private enterprise.

Unfortunately, her encouragement of the private sector was accompanied by an inhibition about recognising that essential services which must remain in the public sector (the NHS for instance) must be properly funded. The government has, of course, spent more on the essential public spent more on the essential public services, and has tried to reorganise some of them, but Mrs Thatcher's policy-making and rhetoric have been inhibited by the creed of many sympathetic economistsand supporters that in an ideal world all services would

As complaints about the condition of the public services intensified after the initial fight against inflation, Mrs Thatcher



much the same way, though, she was driven to accept palliatives for the poll tax she could not grasp that the basic objection to it is that it is seen as unfair because it

relates so little to income.

Mr Major is free of these preconceptions. Nor has he the special attachment to particular chools of political and economic ideology which has been characteristic of Mrs Thatcher's term. He seems to have no ideological "groupies" around him. Though he is at least as adamant as Mrs Thatcher on the

need to control inflation, he has aiready spoken of the essential public services, especially the NHS, with a warmth that Mrs Thatcher found it hard to employ. His problem is how to safe-guard the anti-inflation and anti-

corporatist economic policy while at the same time finding the money needed for the depleted public services, which as has been clear since the last election are now the Conservatives' biggest danger. Certainly, printing money by a new search for appropriate priorities for public spending. This would mean a radical reallocation of resources and might also entail some charges. Mr Major means exactly what he sayswhen he indicates that he wishes to help the poor. From personal experience he is better equipped to understand their difficulties than any previous Tory prime minister.
With his ministerial experience of social security, he also understands the complexity of social deprivation, including the technicalities which make the poverty trap bite. But as a Tory and as Chancellor he is also only too well aware that there is no benefit to the poor in give-away policies which once more make them the victim of inflation.

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he euphoria the Tories, can now enjoy from their sense of a new start gives them an opportunity. But it provides no sure answers. Mr. Major has almost to square circles with domestic policy if he is to lead them to victory. His task is no less sensitive in guiding the evolution of policy on the development of the European Community."
Here he is conscious of opportn nities missed in the past, aware that Britain's future is bound up with the Community but also clear about the imperatives of safeguarding the authority of the British national parliament. His bard ecu plan is the symptom of his understanding of the limits? which must be imposed in the rush to economic union.

He is an intelligent, practical and open-minded man who understands — because he shares - the values of most people. This week he has also shown himself a calm and level-heaved man who; was never nonplussed by the intensive questioning and probing from the media. That is not a bad baptism of fire. He has a difficult hand to play, but his assets will be a united party and cabinet, his own clear and accurate under-standing of what the post-Thatcher Tory party needs, and the determination of a man who. has aiready travelled far. It is a

How the Tories can avoid a replay

Lord St John of Fawsley calls for a simple majority in future

leadership contests instead of the present protracted system

there is no problem. Instead of coming up with novel ways of reforming the public sector, Lab-our has preferred to hide its head ever has there been a week like this in British politics. Sensible people will hope there will never be one like it again. Our political process is half a crusade, half a sporting event, but in the full glare of the media the balance has shifted decisively towards the

deafeningly silent. It can no longer betting shop and its concomitants. afford such timidity or intellectual Unseemly is the word that best sums it all up. The ejection from office of a ruling prime minister, generally acknowledged to be the pre-eminent statesman of the Western world, whose physical and mental strength and will-power are unimpaired, whose record as an election winner is unbroken, is strange enough. It is stranger still that all has been done at the behest of a minority of a party that prides itself on the observance of good form, decency and observance of conventions. How did it come about? First, Mrs Thatcher had simply been in office too long. Second, flowing beneath the surface of political consciousness was one of those great tides of change in public perceptions and aspirations such and nemesis materialised in the mild but deadly form of Sir Government" is much more than confirming the form of Sir Government is much more than a shibboleth.

Tory, the phrase "Her Majesty's a victory for Mrs Thatcher, and evidently she herself was also taken in Hence her eruptions into oration all the more effective for its lack of bitterness. It had the ring of truth, a quality as rare in English politics as in English religion or English art. And above it all brooded the issue of Europe which, as the electorate had realised despite all the rodo-

montade about sovereignty, was

being mishandled, and from which Britain would emerge as a third-time loser. Yet this does not explain it all. Constitutional issues played a co-ordinate role. This seismic event would not have come about, and certainly not in such a callous form, had the Conservative party not lumbered itself with an absurd, clumsy and potentially lethal method of electing its leader. Furthermore, the system is built on suppositions which, if not technically unconstitutional, flout the deepest and best values of the Conservative party, such as loy-alty, respect for office and recog-

The constitutional position is reasonably simple and clear. Incumbent prime ministers should be replaced against their will only by open vote in the House of Commons or by cabinet loss of confidence. Either course involves a recognised and venerable institution of British politics, not a dubious paper constitution of recent creation. The fatal flaw in the Tory electoral system is that it seeks to sideline both. The secret vote in an upstairs committee room ignores the Commons chamber, while the cabinet is presented with a fait accompli. happen. The deep division within the party which was revealed

In the event this failed to when the figures were announced after the first ballot last Tuesday demoralised Conservative members, but the voting was not sufficiently clear-cut to deliver a determining verdict. Yet it deceived commentators such as Lord Rees-Moss, who hailed it as

the Faubourg St Honoré and Downing Street, declaring that she would fight on. At this point we were saved from a constitutional crisis by the cabinet's reassertion of its collective power and by Mrs Thatcher's patriotism and her common sense in resigning the Conservative leadership. Had she fought on, the party would almost certainly have split, leaving the Queen with a constitutional problem involving party leaders and a parliamentary dissolution, which bowever resolved - would

damaging to the monarchy.

What should be done to avoid a repeat of these events, so riveting to the media yet undesirable for the nation? Bacon said that the English mind likes to work on stuff and no English person wel-comes being impaled by a hypothetical question. They prefer to leave it unanswered. Yet this problem will not go away. It is best tackled now while the discordant events are fresh in our minds. Simple changes will suffice. The root of the trouble has been

that a system designed to elect a vileader of the Opposition has been ... used to displace a prime minister another. The electoral system should not apply when the Conservative party is in office, save 🔾 when a prime minister resigns or indicates an intention of resigning. 7 Annual elections (usually a formality) should be done away with, whether the party is in opposition or in government. Elections should be for a parliament. The complicated system of three ballots should be a changed. A single election and a

majority of one should suffice.
How then does one get rid of an incumbent prime minister? Only with great difficulty, and by using the cabinet as a safety valve. The almost certainly have been last word belongs to the electorate. With increasingly presidentialstyle elections, the people elect a prime minister as much as a party, and it can be argued that it should. be left to the electorate to expel" him or her, even if they have to " wait a while.

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...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

had been watching Conservative backbenchers grantthe leadership contest from a ing television viewers the benefit of their opinions for only 139 hours, but felt I could do with a breath of fresh air. A walk in the garden would do me

the world of good, I thought. I switched off the television and pottered outside. At the end of the garden, I saw something that made me reel back in shock. There, under the weeping willow, was a group of three MPs: Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Mr Morris Peter-Temple and Mr Temple Morris-Peter, They seemed to be granting an interview to a reporter from BBC in overcoats with funny little lines of velvet stitched into the collars, their neat hairstyles shining with an almost greeny

"Michael has the sheer drive and charisma to lead us to victory at the next election," said either Temple-Morris or Peter-Temple. "Or, to put it a different way, drive sheer has the Michael victory next us to lead election the charisma, or, if you look at it from another angle, election Michael next

Believing that the weeping willow was probably best avoided, I raced to the other end of the garden. I found to my astonishment that the garden shed had been converted into a temporary television studio for ITN, a view of Big Ben and the Palace of Westminster resplendent on the back wall. Looking through the broken windowpane, I found myself staring into a garden shed crammed full of Mrs Teresa Gormans, all anxious to speak their minds in no uncertain terms.

"We don't want no upperclass toff like Hurd, and Heseltine's a pygmy," said one. "Yes," replied another, "and Hurd's an upper-class toff, and as for Hescline ..."

... He's a pygmy," replied a third Mrs Gorman. The other Mrs Gormans all shook their heads in agreement at such plain talk, their delightfully bold earrings jangling in unison.

Beneath the apple tree, I chanced upon the Conservative association of a typical West Midlands marginal constituency being filmed in a hastily-erected saloon bar, discussing devising.

local angle for Newsnight. The vice-chairman was threatening to resign, the treasurer was threatening the sitting MP with deselection, and the workers on the ground were up in arms. These conditions were all written into the contract when Newsnight agreed to film us," explained a member of the selection committee, "In actual fact, we all agree that we stand full square behind Maggie, but, having said that, we think it was high time she went." On the croquet lawn,

clutches of Emma Nicholsons were being filmed on their knees, busy taking soundings from grass roots. On the roof of the house, I could see a swarm of former cabinet ministers flapping about dropping en-dorsements on whomsoever passed beneath them.

How to escape the Conservative leadership election? I would have rushed off in my car, but it had been converted to a radio-car overnight. It was now packed with Kenneth Bakers all speaking optimistically to the Today programme. "The party is united as never before and we are standing full square behind Margaret Thatcher. We have no doubt whatsoever that she will be leading us into the next election - and beyond," they were declaring, rows of teeth glistening in the smilight.

Realising it must be a repeat, I went back indoors, still anxious to find respite from all those Conservatives. I remembered a time, long ago, when another politician would, every now and then, appear on the television screen. His name was - what? - Kick? Kock? Knick-Knack? Knock? - something of the sort; he was now but a distant memory. I went into the kitchen, checking to see that the dishwasher was still full of hardline Thatcher loyalists. I then looked in the fridge to find it well-stocked with a cabal of unrepentant Hurdite old

tried to keep up their spirits. Finally, I retreated to my bed, first taking care to brush out any remaining splinter groups. Closing my eyes, I found myself longing for the welcome embrace of a nightmare of my own

Etonians in hiding, all singing "We'll Swing Together" as they

From squat to landmark

s were seen in 1906 and 1945.

Around the prime minister's neck

hung the albatross of the hated

poll tax. She was guilty of hubris in her treatment of many ministers,

ohn Major's succession to the Tory leadership and the key to Number 10 failed to ignite even a spark of jubilation last night in Brixton's Coldharbour Lane, where he spent his for-mative years. The Major family lived in two top-floor rooms of No. 144, a Victorian end-of-terrace house with a gas ring on the landing and a lavatory three floors down. Yesterday, a peek through the battered front door revealed carpetless stairs and a grimy hallway cluttered with a 4 ft pile of yellowed newspapers and a discarded electric cooker.

All three doorbells buzzed brightly, but no one answered. Eventually a curious neighbour stepped over a mound of rubbish cluttering the overgrown front parden to explain that the house was unoccupied. The last of the squatters moved out six months

To this house, Tom Major brought his wife and family to live when his business failed. The future advocate of a classless society and his parents shared the house with a motley mix of lowlife residents including a cat burglar, Another tenant announced his return at night by waving his false teeth around the

With Major having wrested the ultimate political prize, will this unlikely spot become as famous as the Roberts' grocery shop in Grantham? "I can't see the people around here getting excited about it," says nurse Kirsty Main, who lives in the basement flat next door. "I can't imagine coach parties arriving to look at it." Film-maker Virginia Pitts, a few doors along, was equally scep-

tical: "John Major may be proud of his working-class origins, but the tourists might prefer him to have come from a home in the English countryside."

nition of authority. For the true

But publican's wife Angela Holness of The Enterprise nearby was more cheerful. "We expect to be very much busier. We only do bar snacks at the moment, but perhaps I shall do tea and scones. I shall definitely write to Mr Major and invite him down for a drink."

 As canvass returns for the three leadership candidates showed that the 372 Tory MPs managed to promise 415 votes between them in yesterday's ballot, Viking Penguin could not resist exploiting the situation to plug Philip Kerr's recent anthology, The Book of Lies. It offers a free copy to the first dozen who ring to confess their right to a place in it. But what assurances would there be that the confessions were true?

Don't know

ith several Tory MPs reportedly facing the threat of deselection over the way they cast their votes, at least one can put his hand on his heart and say he doesn't know which candidate he voted for. Hugh Dykes, MP for Harrow East, was out of the country during the first ballot, and nominated a proxy to vote on his behalf. When he returned to Westminster, and asked whether his vote had been duly cast for his preferred candidate, his colleague, who shall remain anonymous, refused to

With Dykes again abroad yesterday - in Rome for a conference on European monetary union the anonymous proxy stepped in once more, meaning that Dykes



presumably does not know for whom he voted this time either.

• The BBC denies any forethought, but eyebrows were raised over the music played when a technical fault forced the Today programme off the air for 90 seconds yesterday morning during a Tory leadership debate between cabinet ministers Chris Patten, Tony Newton and David Hunt. The music was from the film To Die in Madrid, the city where Nigel Lawson and Str Geoffrey Howe both threatened to resign,

Not the family silver

ne of the first tasks facing the new occupants of 10 Downing Street will be to rustle up some new silver for the dining room. During the past ten years, visiting heads of state have much admired the 200-year-old Belton collection, which was lent to Mrs Thatcher by Lord Brownlow shortly after she became prime minister. Now the National Trust, which in 1984 took over Belton House, from where the silver comes, has written to the cabinet office asking for its return. The Trust hopes to have the collection back on public display

early next year. During the Thatcher premiership, some 70 works of art were

loaned to Downing Street by public institutions. The National Gallery lent several oil paintings, including Gainsboroughs, all personally selected by Mrs Thatcher. They were not foremost among our collection and their return depends on who moves in and whether they like them or not," says a spokeswoman. The V&A also lent ornamental silver, but it says that the loan will be extended

to the new prime minister.

Labour MP Dennis Skinner,
who has tabled parliamentary questions about the "treasure trove", is disappointed that the new prime minister will not be obliged to give everything back. These things belong to the public



and the public should have a right to see them. We don't want them going to Dulwich," he says. Ironically, two paintings - a Gainsborough and a Hogarth are doing precisely that. They were loaned to Downing Street by the Dulwich Picture Gallery, and should be back hanging on its walls by February.

So might the gallery be per-suaded to lend works of art to hang in the Thatchers' Dulwich home? Curator Nicola Kalinsky says: "If we did it could only improve it"

Tale of country folk ...

ouglas Hurd's father was a 😬 more significant public figure than the foreign secinterviews, according to memoranda contained in the archives of The Times.

Anxious to play down accusa-tions of being a Tory grandee, -Hurd has emphasised in recent interviews that his father, who died in 1966, was a tenant farmer. He was also an MP from 1945, turning down an offer of office from Sir Winston Churchill in ... 1951 rather than abandon his other interests. Since 1932 he had " been agricultural correspondent of The Times, and in 1958 he faced a ... choice between continuing in the job and accepting a knighthood

offered by Sir Anthony Eden. Believing the paper's independence might be compromised, the editor, Sir William Haley, wrote to Hurd: "If you wish to accept this " honour ... you should resign from the The Times before you do so." ... Hurd chose to leave, became Sir :: Anthony and concentrated on a. . business career. He joined the boards of the Falkland Islands Company and the Scottish Australian Company and, in 1964, was made a life peer.

• "Two things will be required of whoever succeeds Marsaret Thatwhoever succeeds Margaret That-cher. The lesser is a quieter tone and a more evident sense of humour. The greater is an intellimumour. The greater is an intelligent commitment to hold fast to
the achievements of Thatcherism.
My money is on the boy from
Brixton." So wrote Patrick Cosgrave in The Times on July 20. tion to either foreign secretary of a Chancellor in what appears to be the very earliest tip for the top. Can anyone do better?

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A VERY BRITISH COUP

The United Kingdom has a new prime minister. The Age of Thatcher is at an end. In choosing John Major as leader, the parliamentary Conservative party has unequivocally looked forward rather than back. Mr Major is the youngest prime minister since Rosebery. He is the least known since Bonar Law and, until he went to the Treasury earlier this year, one of the least tested in high office. The change is as dramatic as when Margaret Thatcher seized power in 1975, in a coup almost as fierce as that which toppled her.

Mr Major now has urgent business to attend to. Conventional wisdom calls on him to reunite the Conservative party. That is the least of his problems. The party has always known where its electoral interest lies. After an obligatory period of mourning for Mrs Thatcher - it mourned likewise for Edward Heath - the party will rally loyally to Mr Major. This is a tribe good at survival.

Mr Major has one immediate task: to make peace with his defeated rival, Michael Heseltine. The answer must be to offer him a job to suit his talents and interests, even if it is one he has had before. That might mean defence, where Mr Heseltine would have to prepare for a Gulf war and the run-down of conventional forces in Europe; or environment, where Mr Heseltine could push his partnership concept in the cities and revitalise local government once the poll tax has been replaced. Beyond that, Mr Major's government forms itself naturally round him. He has been bequeathed a young team by his patron, Mrs Thatcher, the chief blight on which has been too many recent changes. He should change little. A move of Mr Heseltine to environment and of the incumbent, Chris Patten, to the

Treasury would do the trick. Mr Major's most urgent policy reform is the replacement of the poll tax by some form of property-based tax, preferably after a bipartisan enquiry. This would lance the poll tax boil and take local tax reform out of party politics, proving emphatically that Mr Major is no poodle of the former prime minister nor of her party chairman. He now should admit what all democracies know, that there is no sensible

alternative to a property base for local taxes. So far, so simple. Mr Major next has to pick up Mrs Thatcher's great mantle in overseas affairs and try it on, gingerly, for size. Britain is second only to the United States in confronting Iraq in the Gulf, where Saddam Hussein has boasted the toppling of Mrs Thatcher as his doing. Here Mr Major could do no better than defer initially to Douglas Hurd, running foreign policy as a duumvirate. Britain's continued commitment to the Anglo-American alliance is being tested in the Gulf. The swiftness of British support for President Bush and Britain's goading of Europe to help are firm bases on which Mr Major must continue

Europe offers him other challenges. The Community is plainly about to enter a new phase of deep self-questioning. Mrs Thatcher's hostility probably acted as a cement, holding together other members with widely diverging interests who could now drift apart. A new, more subtle diplomacy should exploit these divergences, to ensure that European cooperation walks before it can run - for instance, over farm reform at the current, crisis-hit, world trade talks. Mrs Thatcher in Europe was cantankerous but right. A more emollient style is now likely from the Treasury and Foreign Office. Mr Major must show that he will not be diverted down routes which other European leaders covertly relied on Mrs Thatcher to block.

At home, Mr Major has even more substantive tasks, notably the managing of a British economy now in deep recession. He has seemed uncertain of late whether this one is deep and short or long and shallow. Most businessmen would reply, deep and probably long. Walking the famous tightrope between reflating too early for economic safety or too late for electoral recovery will be Mr Major's first, possibly crucial, test as leader.

Mrs Thatcher's personality was totally different from that of Mr Major. Her huge capacity to inspire both affection and aversion is to be replaced by a calmer, gentler style. Despite the propaganda of left and right, Mr Major carries no Thatcherite baton in his rucksack. He represents a return to Tory pragmatism, but also to some of the old uncertainties. He is concerned about the ragged edges left by the past decade, by the condition of education and by urban poverty. How he will convey this concern into policy is wholly unclear. Had Britain just changed its government at a full general election, its political future could not be so opaque as after this astonishing two-week coup.

A PLAGUE ON TRADE

In Brussels next Monday, trade ministers from 105 countries will be asked to reach agreements which have eluded their negotiators for four years - and do so within five days. They are meeting to put the final seal on the Uruguay round, the most ambitious attempt to liberalise international trade since the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) was signed 43 years ago. Success will create rules for freer trade in more than \$1,000 billion worth of goods and services never before covered by the Gatt, give teeth to the international procedures for settling trade disputes and create millions of jobs worldwide. The price of failure is the miserable possibility of a new global trade war.

The Uruguay round covers 15 areas which must stand or fall as a package. Free traders are right to say that no reduction in trade protection should be seen as a concession, since those with the freest markets prosper most. But politicians have to deal with powerful lobbies reluctant to face competition. Trade negotiations are therefore like caucus races: everybody must have prizes, enabling each political leader to claim special benefits from freer trade.

To judge by the documents before them, the ministers have an impossible mission. They must eliminate the remaining disagreements, some of them serious, from 391 pages of draft texts. The deadlock in three of the 15 areas conditions for foreign investment, a new antidumping code and changes in agricultural trade - is so great that the officials have given up in despair and submitted no drafts at all. No serious talks on these items have taken place, since there is no agreement on first principles. The task for the trade ministers is not to

agree on details but to show the flexibility needed for a breakthrough on the three items. That might start a virtuous circle of trade-offs. By common consent, success hinges on agreement to free agricultural trade. Without farm reform, some countries may walk out of the talks altogether. Without freer trade in food, there is no prospect that the American Congress, which recently set an example by reducing farm subsidies by nearly 25 per cent, will agree to the rest of the package.

The key is held by the European Community and, within the EC, by France and Germany. The EC is completely isolated in its refusal to offer deep cuts in farm subsidies, for fear of the impact this might have on the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, complains that the Americans are treating the EC's 12 governments like "plague carriers". American exasperation is justified.

Washington seeks 90 per cent cuts in export subsidies, which distort trade by dumping food on world markets at below domestic prices, and 75 per cent cuts in other subsidies such as price supports for farmers. The United States has the support of the great majority, including the Cairns group of 14 countries whose 227 million farmers produce a third of the world's farm exports. The EC stalled for nearly four years before cynically coming up with an offer to cut subsidies by 15 per cent below present levels which was bound to be rejected.

The EC must give way. A text the EC should be able to accept was hammered out last summer by Aart De Zeeuw, chairman of the Gatt's agricultural negotiating group. The EC's partners, including the Americans, would be prepared to consider some such compromise. provided the EC moves. The main obstacle has been Chancellor Kohl's cowardly refusal to risk the vote of a single farmer in this Sunday's elections. EC trade and farm ministers meet on Sunday night for an eve-of-conference session. By then Herr Kohl would have nothing to lose by altering an indefensible German position which sits ill with his one-time pledge that a united Germany will be a responsible actor in international politics.

DEUTSCHE REICHSBAHN REGRETS ...

"German railways on strike" is the kind of headline newspapers love. Like "Teetotalism grips Australia" or "Zurich bans gnomes", they sense that such an irony may not recur in a lifetime. For those Britons who have smarted for years under the mocking German phrase, "the English disease", smugness is natural. Has Germany caught die englische Krankheit?

But beware the smugness. The strike in question concerns the 260,000 employees of the former East German railways. With their families, these railwaymen make up some 5 per cent of the population of eastern Germany. Due to such spectacular overmanning, many face the sack. The network has kept its prewar title, Deutsche Reichsbahn, as archaic as the steam engines widely used until ten years ago. The name suggests an old-fashioned level of comfort which is not, alas, justified by the service. Only their uniforms are impressive. The West German Bundesbahn, many of whose staff have the rank of Beamte (official) and are not allowed to strike, has remained aloof. The Wall inside railwaymen's heads has survived the demolition of the concrete one. The stoppage began at six o'clock sharp on

Sunday evening, when notices appeared at 26 stations in eastern Germany. These displayed a limpid prose style of which Jimmy Knapp would have been proud: "Achtung Reisende. As a result of industrial action measures all main line rail traffic is interrupted. We request

your understanding." Some passengers wished the strikers well. Others, lacking the practice in patience provided free of charge by British Rail, showed scant sympathy. They pointed out that they were losing their jobs in their thousands too. After nearly 60 years under assorted dictators, the trains still had not run on time. Now the trains and their drivers had been blessed with democracy, they did not run at all.

The parallel between eastern Germany and postwar Britain is, despite obvious differences. enlightening. This country, too, ran something like a command economy between 1940 and 1945. Bits of it survived into the 1950s and beyond, including British Rail. Unlike its communist counterparts, however, the British state sector could not coerce its employees: strikes took place even in wartime. Competition in productivity was discouraged by general consent. The folk-memory of the Slump had convinced British trade unionists that employment must be shared out equally. When the consensus collapsed in the 1970s, strikes proliferated. Then came Mrs Thatcher.

In eastern Germany, the experience of an entire British generation has been telescoped into little more than a year. The onset of Thatcherite realism may be similarly telescoped. The strike on the Reichsbahn will probably accelerate the rationalisation it is intended to hinder. Eastern Germany may briefly go down with the British disease, and probably be inoculated against its repetition by a single winter of discontent. The eventual result may well be a unified railway network. A messy cure, certainly, but little cause for British Schadenfreude after all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is it too much to hope that the

Charity Commissioners, in their

unique position, will use their

efforts to help launch an organis-ation for charity trustees? An

independent body run by and for

trustees could educate and train

trustees for their important role in

society. This is a low-cost long-

term solution we surely need -and it avoids the heavy hand of

PETER L. GEÖRGE, 2 Hope Crescent, Melton Park, Woodbridge, Suffolk,

with earnings. This is not permit-

The government scheme is

called payroll giving or payroll deductions. Some of the agencies

use trade marks. We in Charities

Trust call our scheme WorkAid.

Regrettably this has yet to become

as well known as that of our competitors, but we feel it is less

General Manager, Charities Trust, PO Box 15, Liverpool L23 OUU.

Sir, Both your report and editorial

on the declining support for charities fail to focus on one simple fact: the public are becom-

ing satiated by the repeated ap-

peals which arrive through the

post with the frequency of un-

cheque to charity "A" than a flood of heart-rending material from

similarly orientated charities

pours in. This is closely followed

by yet another appeal from charity "A". Requests to desist are ig-

nored by computers.

Reprehensible it may be, but

after a few years of such assaults

on my compassion, my reaction

now is to treat all but a very few of

the familiar charity envelopes as I

do "junk mail", by consigning

them unread to the waste bin. I am

Sir, If, as a British Social Attitudes

report maintains (details, Novem-

ber 15), 56 per cent of the

electorate are in favour of increas-

ing taxes to pay for better social

welfare, why are fewer people

Are the charities missing some-

thing or is it just that 56 per cent of

the electorate are in favour of

more of other people's money going to social welfare?

Age discrimination

From Mr Bryan Cassidy,

MEP for Dorset East and

Hampshire West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, In your report about the launch of the Campaign Against Age Discrimination in Employ-

ment (Life and Times, November

19), no reference was made to the

contrast between British public-

sector practice and that of the institutions of the European

Community. Our government has

repeatedly urged employers to

drop age limits in their recruit-

ment advertising.
You will very rarely find an

advertisement for a public-sector

job in the UK now which includes

an age limit. (The private sector has yet to follow this good

example, as recruitment advertise-

ments in your own columns

European Community, including I am sad to say the European

Parliament, always include an age

limit in their recruitment notices

in spite of a series of par-

liamentary questions by myself and other colleagues, urging that the practice should be dropped.

Significantly, there is no reference

famous Social Charter.

Yours faithfully,

BRYAN CASSIDY.

European Parliament.

1040 Brussels, Belgium.

Fruitful errand

Sir, It is possible that I won one of

From Dr Donald Rau

97-133 rue Belliard,

age discrimination in the

However, the institutions of the

demonstrate).

making donations to charity?

sure I am not alone in this.

N. M. P. CHAPPELL,

Abbotsmere, Tilford, Nr Farnham, Surrey.

From Mr D. W. Parry

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

6 Alleyn Road, SE21.

D. W. PARRY

No sooner has one dispatched a

vanted trade catalogues.

SUZANNE BROUGHTON,

From Mrs N. M. P. Chappell

From the General Manager

of the Charities Trust

governmental control.

Yours faithfully

this method.

misleading.

Yours sincerely

Nato help for Soviet Union?

From Mr Hugh Hanning

Sir, How should the West respond to President Gorbachev's week-end appeal to help him prevent a famine, and urban riots, within the next three weeks (reports, November 26)? The EC may stir itself after next month's summit, but meanwhile there are other

You recently published a letter from the Fontmell Group (September 14) indicating how the Jordan refugee problem could be relieved by an approach via the UN to Nato. The letter was read and acted on by the Jordan government. Might I suggest that this formula would today apply a fortiori to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Nato countries are now individnally offering military medical stores to the Soviet Union. For two reasons a joint Nato approach could expedite this process. One is the sheer geographical scale of the problem, and consequent need for co-ordination. The other is that the main requirement is agreed to be logistic, a sphere in which Nato says and could complement and excels and could complement any action by the EC.

The Nato secretary-general is known to favour such a coordinating humanitarian role. But Nato can only act in response to a request by a head of government. Mr Gorbachev might think twice before making such a request, although his government has proposed the creation of joint Nato/Warsaw Pact disaster units, and The Times tells us today (early editions) that he is accepting a big sirlift from the Luftwaffe. But other East European governments, who are very keen on Nato, might consider this is a good way

HUGH HANNING (Chairman), Fontmell Group on Dinester Relief, 18 Montpelier Row, Blackheath, SE3.

November 26.

to get early action.

From Mr Roy Miles Sir, Russia's involvement and great sacrifice in lives helped our

nation survive the last war. Let us now send food and forge our new-found friendship to help the Soviet people survive these difficult times.

Yours sincerely, ROY MILES. Roy Miles Gallery, 29 Bruton Street, W1.

Local consensus From the Chief Executive, Three Rivers District Council

Sir, Your local government corr pondent (report, November 12) indicates growing political consensus on the need to create authorities which inspire local loyalty. He says the aim is to overcome popular distike of artificial local government creations. Such propositions may well attract wide spread support but by naming this authority in that category he makes the error of equating an "artificial creation" with "local

unpopularity". Our problem is similar to many suburban and rural areas. Naming the district after one part of it name has other obvious disadvantages. Artificial the boundary may be but it unites the common interest of several communities not to become part of the "surrounding area" to Watford with county borough

Local people fought a similar proposition in 1974 and would do so again. The communities which inspire local loyalty in this area are at parish level gamation of this district with any adjacent ones is unlikely to meet with public approval.

Yours faithfully, A. ROBERTSON, Chief Executive, Three Rivers District Council, 17/23 Rickmansworth High Street, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

Day-care surgery

From Dr Tom Parry Sir, Miss Jane Lee (November 7) is quite right in stating that day-care surgery is inappropriate in some cases. As an anaesthetist involved in the care of day-surgery patients, I would like to reassure her, however, that certain criteria have to be satisfied before a patient is accepted for day-care surgery: one such is that the patient be accompanied home by a responsible adult who should stay with the patient overnight. Yours faithfully. TOM PARRY,

18b Cabul Road, SW11.

TV choices

From Professor A. S. C. Ehrenberg Sir, An attractive counter to Sky's satellite monopoly would be to allow channels 1 to 4 to invest more in their programming. Instead, our present government has somehow set itself the task of reducing the industry's funding. Channel 3 franchises are to go to those who promise to pay most tax; Channel 4 is already having to cut its services so as to save £14 million; and the BBC is threatened with a reduced licence fee. But as shown by a London Business School study, money is not the issue for viewers. They are remarkably insensitive to the price of television.

Faced with competition from terrestrial channels which are not deliberately underfunded, Sky might in the longer term manage to gain a 30 per cent share in half our homes (i.e., ones that will by

Proposed reform of charity law

From the Director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations

Sir, Your leader, "Failing in charity" (November 16), noted the failure of the government to announce in the Queen's Speech their intention to bring forward a bill to reform charity law. NCVO and the charitable world have long been pressing the government to do exactly that. The government promised legislation before the end of this parliament, but it is not clear now that they can or will honour that undertaking.

The good name of charities

depends upon their being subject to effective and sensible regulation, and that regulation system requires legislation. This is not only the view of charities and the National Audit Office: it is the consensus view of MPs of all parties. In May 1990 the all-party parties are charity or the consensus view of metallic parties and may 1990 the all-party parties are charity. parliamentary panel on charity law produced its report on reform of charity law, and has sponsored an early-day motion calling for legislation which attracted wide support from all sides of the

You mention a belief that charities "have become extravagant, inefficient and in some cases even corrupt". Efficiency in the charitable world is neither greater nor less than in the public or private sectors. It is, however, the subject of many major initiatives from within the sector itself, not least from NCVO. The report of the working party chaired by Lord Nathan, which NCVO convened and serviced, has set the benchmarks for improving efficiency. So charities are in consequence trying

to become more, not less efficient.
The one thing that would help these developments would be a new charity law bill. We are doing our part; the government must now do theirs.

Yours faithfully. USHA PRASHAR, Director, National Council for Voluntary Organisations,

26 Bedford Square, WC1. From Mr Peter L. George

Sir, The enormity of the task of monitoring charities - their sheer number (over 150,000) and the logistics of effective supervision ensures that, on the grounds of cost alone, we must look beyond the Charity Commissioners and their staff to hold the public perception of charities at the highest level.

In the course of attending several seminars on the subject recently, one simple fact emerged: there is an urgent need for a clearer understanding by trustees of their role and function. The vast majormedium-sized and a new approach to the education and training of their trustees must be

Self-education and self-regulation by the trustees of charities would be a significant step forward. There must be over half a million charity trustees who need and desire help in understanding their task and how they may perform better.

Pimlico passport From the Leader of Westminster City Council

Sir. In a week when the son of a trapeze artist has been battling to become prime minister, and less than a year after the British Communist party threw in the towel lamenting "the fact of the working class is a thing of the past", the courts have ruled that we must remain legally wedded to an outdated class system ("Working class alive and well in Pimlico", report, November 27, later

Westminster City Council wanted to scrap the restrictive covenant of the Duke of Westminster's Pimlico flats to enable less well-off families to become better off. Reducing poverty is about raising living standards, not levelling them downwards. Home ownership is vital. It is the first rung on the ladder to indepen-

dence and capital assets. In the last few years Westninster's home ownership scheme has given council tenants, housing association tenants and people on the waiting list an opportunity to own their own home at a price they can afford. Four out of five sales have been to these groups and over 10,000 people have applied to the scheme. Despite yesterday's judgment, we will pursue our classless goal. Yours faithfully

SHIRLEY PORTER, Leader, Westminster City Council, PO Box 240, Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, SW1. November 27.

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enabled to pay more for more

choice. That is fine, except for the

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across the media. The only other

problem seems to be whether the

owner of The Times will ever

ANDREW EHRENBERG.

London Business School.

Regent's Park, NW1.

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Yours sincerely

Suspex Place,

Mr McAulay's dwindling bunch of would give it 15 per cent of viewing overall, which is not bananas (November 20) in a Red Cross raffle in 1943. The banana much of a monopoly. was displayed in the newsagent's Even if Sky should get as much window in Highgate village for as a 40 per cent share in 60 per cent of homes - more like the US two weeks prior to the draw and every day my mother took my cable experience but with far fewer brother and me to view the channels here and nothing like the browning fruit. £8 billion a year US cable revenue The whole village gathered for - that would still only give Sky a the draw and the excitement was quarter of our viewing. Some viewers will therefore have been

intense. I was an immediate hero. The banana was duly shared among the family and I can well remember the bitter disappointment I felt on eating my piece of the, by then, overripe and decaying fruit. Yours faithfully,

make money out of either enter-DONALD RAÜ, Flat 6, 37 Portland Place, Wi.

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Assessment of orchestra funds

From Professor Anthony Field Sir, How courageous of the chairmen of the four great British regional orchestras to state so clearly and categorically (November 24) that the present proposals to delegate responsibility for them from the Arts Council to regional arts boards would cause fundamental damage". How, pray, will a southern regional board assess the work of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra if that is the only orchestra in the

region? The Arts Council's music officers and its advisory music panel Sir, Your editorial refers to "give used to be able to assess all as you earn, the government's cumbersome scheme". The use of this term implies donations rising Britain's major orchestras one against another; their standards and creativity varying over the years but all going from strength to ted by the government who have placed a ceiling on donations via

The present secretary-general has recently cited the criteria for delegating Arts Council clients as including "geographical focus in the region, local authority funding, performing base and touring involvement" — nothing about standards and creativity. Anthony Everitt further stated that the criteria were chosen to rest on objective situations rather than subjective value judgments because we would never stop arguing about them".

The setting of standards and assessment of creativity never hindered the Arts Council in the 40 years from 1946 during which the arts in this country flourished as rarely before. The waste of money on this proposed bureau-cracy, cited by the four chairmen, will be compounded if the regional arts boards are not able to appoint music advisory panels of the calibre required to assess the work of the regional orchestras.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY FIELD, 152 Cromwell Tower, Barbican, EC2. November 26.

From Mr Peter Copping

Sir, As a member of the Hallé Concerts Society I am very surprised that its chairman believes that the Hallé Orchestra's standing is in some way dependent on how it is funded as a "national" insti-tution. Surely its reputation depends on its artistic standing (now recovered from a bad period).

Its financial support should depend ultimately on pleasing its concertgoers, most of whom live near by. Unfortunately in Manchester citizens know only too well that "national" institutions mean

The Hallé gets no grants from local authorities outside the area of the proposed regional arts board. It receives £295,000 from local authorities within the area (8 per cent of its income). It did play, last season, more concerts outsid Manchester than in Manchester, but 75 per cent of the planned 1990-1 concerts outside Manchester take place within 50 miles of the city.

Sponsorship (which makes up currently about 10 per cent of its income) is also from regionallybased companies, and the or-chestra attracted £65,000 from local people last year in the form of subscriptions to the society (not season tickets for the concerts).

It is by any measure a successful regionally-rooted institution deserving of a national and international reputation. Given this I cannot see in principle why its Arts Council funding should not be managed regionally to strengthen the arts in the area, rather than by a group of essentially Londonbased administrators.

Yours sincerely, PETER COPPING, 70 Cromwell Avenue, November 25.

Cost of Attila

From Mr Kenneth Warren, MP for Hastings and Rye (Conservative) Sir, Simon Tait's revelation (Saturday Review, November 24) that £43,000 was lost on each performance of Attila the Hun makes me wonder if anybody is actually in charge at Covent Garden. This is equivalent to £20 per seat per erformance. Would any of the best and

brightest of British businesses, whose names warmly support opera, accept proposals on their home grounds for a product costing 137 per cent of income? Or was a marketing budget not required from the 428 people involved in the production? As one who has sought financial support for other lesser stage

ventures of recognised quality for which ordinary people could afford tickets, it is galling to discover that the expectation at Covent Garden is they will receive yet more money on top of the £15 million grant for this year. No wonder everybody in the picture of the Attila team smiled so broadly at the camera. Yours faithfully

KENNETH WARREN. House of Commons. November 26.

November 27.

Playing our tune

From Mrs Greta Jacobs Sir, Following Henry Magrill's letter on "Greensleeves" (November 27), I recently telephoned a wellknown City merchant bank who played "The Thieving Magpie". Yours faithfully, GRETA JACOBS, 16 Dicey Avenue, NW2.



COURT CIRCULAR

Plunket Memorial Scholarship

Preston and Sir Alastair Aird

Dame Frances Campbell-Presion has succeeded the Lady

Angela Oswald as Lady-10-

November 27: The Prince of

Wales, President, Prince's

Youth Business Trust, held a

meeting with senior executives.

Subsequently His Royal Highness held a meeting with

representatives of the Prince's

Trust, Prince's Youth Business

The Princess of Wales, Patron English National Ballet,

ariended a gala performance at Manchesier's Palace Theatre, in

aid of English National Ballet and Manchester Royal Infirma-

ry's Leukemia Research/Bone Marrow Transplant Unit and in celebration of the 80th Birthday

of Dame Alicia Markova, the Company's President.
Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timming)

Mr Patrick Jephson were in

November 27: Princess Alice,

Duchess of Gloucester, Patron.

East Africa Women's League

(United Kingdom), was present this afternoon at the General

Meeting which was held in Hoty Trinity Church House, Brompton Road, London, SW7.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in

The Duke of Gloucester this

evening was present at the "Changing Spaces" Conference of the Cambridge Training Enterprise Council and Business

in the Community, at Abington

Hall, Cambridge.
His Royal Highness was received by Mr James Crowden

Vice-Lord Lieutenant of

Major Nicholas Barne was

November 27: The Duke of Kent today visited HMS Coventry undergoing weapon training in the Portland Exercise

Commander Roger Walker

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

November 27: Princess

Guy's Hospital, London SEI.

Mrs Peter Afia was in

sened the new Renal Unit at

JAMES'S PALACE

RN was in attendance.

Mr E.D. Hampton

nd Miss A.S. Cowan

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mrs Gillian Wheeler, of Tunbridge Wells, and Amanda, daughter of

Mr and Mrs John Cowan, of Child's Hill, London.

The engagement is announced between Stroon Vivian, only son of the late Christopher

Philipotts, CMG, and of Mrs Philipotts, of Brighton, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A.D. Wundham, of Parc

Gwynne, Glasbury-on-Wye,

The engagement is announced between Piers, second son of Major-General and Mrs A.J.G. Pollard, of Fonthill Gifford, Witshire, and Marietta, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs lan Johnston, of Bekesbourne,

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs David Wakefield,

of Oscroft. Cheshire, and Penelope, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Thomas, of Godalming, Surrey.

and Miss J.R.V. Black
The engagement is announced
between Christopher, younger
son of Mr and Mrs Robert Wild,

of Slade Farm, Ockham, Surrey,

and Joanna, youngest daughter of Sir David Black, of Elvendor

Priory, Goring, Berkshire, and Mrs Rosemary Black, of Redmoor Lodge, West Haddon, Northamptonshire.

Tickets are now available for the

White Knights Ball to be held on

Thursday, January 3, 1991, at Grosvenor House, Park Lane,

London, W1, telephone 071-931

0460. Tickets for dunner and

White Knights

Mr W.P.A.G. Pollard

Mr N. Wakelie

Mr C.R.C. Wild

and Miss P.S. Thomas

and Miss M.L. Johnston

Mr S.V.S. Philipotts and Min E.R.D. Windles

Forthcoming

marriages

YORK HOUSE

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rust and Business in the

Waiting to Her Majesty.

RENSINGTON PALACE

were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 27: The Queen held an lovestiture at Buckingham

Palace this morning.

Dame Catherine Tizard (Governor-General designate of New Zealand) was received by The Ouren when Her Majesty invested her with the Lasignia of a Dame Grand Cross of the

Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George. Dame Catherine Tizard afterwards had the honour of being invited to hinch with The

Her Majesty gave a reception North Atlantic Assembly at The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was

present.
The Lady Elion has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. The Duchess of York today visited West Yorkshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenani for West Yorkshire (The Lord Ingrow, OBE, TD). Her Royal Highness opened the Children's Intensive Care

Unit at Killingbeck Hospital, Her Royal Highness later visited The Premature Baby Unit. St James' Hospital, Leeds.

Mrs John Floyd and Major William McLean were in The Princess Royal today

visited Humberside and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr R. Anthony Bethell). Her Royal Highness opened Nusa Today's Central Office and

National Distribution Centre in Scumborpe and Perronet Thompson School, Hull. Afterwards The Princess Royal arended the National Rescue Skills Competition. East

Hull Pool and the Operation Lifestyle Awards Presentation at City Hall, Hull. This evening Her Royal Highness attended the Police Othoers' Club's Charity Dinner

Mrs William Nunneley was in CLARENCE HOUSE

November 27: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-un-Chief, Royal Army Medical Corps, today honoured the Director General, Army Medical Services (Major General A. J. Shaw) with her presence at luncheod in the Officers' Mess, Royal Army Medical College,

The Lady Angela Oswald. Sir Alastair Aird and Captain Conolly Morris-Adams were in

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given at Spencer

Mr D.C. Brewitt

and Miss A.L. de Joia

Mr A.C. Broadley and Miss E.C. Short

The engagement is announced

Mr and Mrs Denis Brewith of

Thome, near Doncaster, South

Yorkshire, and Amy Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alex de

Joia, of Hampstead, London.

The engagement is announced

between Andrew, youngest son of Mr John Broadley, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Mrs Deirdre Broadley,

of Ticehurst, East Sussex, and Elsbeth (Ebbie), younger

daughter of Mr and Mrs. David Short, of Gingundhlovu,

The engagement is announced between Roger James, elder son of Mr D. Clark, Collingham,

Nottinghamsbire, and Mrs J. Clark, Brigg, South Humberside, and Abigail, only

daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter

The Reverend R.M. Coombs

and Miss N.M. Pringle
The engagement is announced

Mr and Mrs Michael Coombs.

of Buckingham, and Nicola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs

James Pringle, of Biddenham,

Mr S.P. Dodge and Miss P.A. Whitehead The engagement is announced between Stephen, youngest son of the late Mrs Sheila Saunders, of Rephysics and Paris

of Brighton, and Paula Ann, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Anthony Whitehead, of Ovingdean, Brighton.

and Miss J.E. Duscherer
The engagement is announced

Mr Jasper Enderby, of London, SW18, and of Mrs Robert Phillips, of Palma, Mallorca,

and Jane elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Duscherer, of

Dr G.S G Beveridge, vice-char-cellor. The Queen's University, Bettast, 57; Lady Bottomley, 84;

Vice-Admiral Sir David Brown. 63: Mr Geoffrey Clarke, artist

en Jonathan, elder son of

Mr J C. Enderby

Axion, North Wales

Birthdays

today

Zululand, South Africa.

Mr R.J. Clark and Mins A. Rhodes

David Charles, son of

OBITUARIES

Lord Pearce, PC, a former Lord of Appeal in Ordinary who chaired the Pearce commission on Rhodesia in 1971-2 and was chairman of the Press Council from 1969 to 1974, died on November 26 aged 89. He was born on February 9.

LORD Pearce, whose judicial career lasted from 1947 to 1969, became a household name in the early 1970s as chairman of the commission set up to determine how far a proposed constitutional settlement for Rhodesia devised by Sir Alec Douglas-Home, then foreign secretary, and Mr Ian Smith was generally approved by the community in Rhodesia. The British government had high hopes that the settlement terms would lead to an early and amicable end to the Rhodesian problem. The Pearce commission dashed those hopes when it reported in May 1972 that the proposed terms were generally un-acceptable and that they were massively rejected by the AFricans. The proposals were shelved, the status quo, including sanctions, contin-ued and the settlement did not take place.

inevitably, attracted much controversy. Some thought that its members should have included Africans. Others, including Mr Smith, who called its findings naive insisted that the overwhelming "No" recorded actually reflected an intimidated and suppressed "Yes." Pearce had no easy task in making his soundings, particularly among the Africans and minority European Rhodesians, But he believed that the commission had made contact with 10 per cent of the adult African population and a contemporary verdict was that a fullscale referendum would not have produced a very different conclusion. The Pearce report showed that Mr Smith's Rhodesia Front, far from knowing what Rhodesian Africans really thought, was completely wrong and that the majority of Africans totally distrusted the Smith government. That the verdict was widely accepted as being fairminded was very much to Pearce's credit, especially as his task was made even more difficult by nots among the

Smith regime. Edward Holroyd Pearce was sound knowledge, practical the son of John W. E. Pearce. experience, marked ability Edward Holroyd Pearce was He was educated at Charter- and a very friendly disposition house and Corpus Christi made him a universally popu-College, Oxford, of which he lar and successful judge, was a scholar and became in Though modest and of a 1950 an honorary fellow. In gentle character, he had a 1925 he was called to the Bar clear, practical and perceptive by Lincoln's Inn (where he was elected a bencher in 1948 and served as treasurer in 1966). He rapidly acquired a flourishing practice in the Queen's Bench and Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Divisions of the High Court,

Africans and arrests by the

man) the committee on ship-building costs, 1947-49, and taking silk in 1945. (as a member) the royal commission on marriage and divorce, 1951. In 1966, as Early in his career Pearce contracted a lung infection, which forced him to spend treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, he played a leading part in setting up the original Senate of the some mouths in Switzerland. To beguile the tedium of sanatorium life he acquired inns of Court to increase coartist's materials and taught ordination of their policies and activities. In 1971 Pearce himself to paint in oils, an art which he continued to practise chaired a committee to conwith concentrated enthumann sider the structure, organisfor the rest of his life. He ation, finance and practices of became a member of the the Bar. This recommended that the Bar Council should Royal Society of British Artists and was a frequent exhibcontinue as an autonomous body composed of those memitor at the Royal Academy's

Luncheons

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sheriff John Taylor, attended a luncheon yesterday

Tallow Chandlers' Company

ceived Mr D.A.G. Simon

BP, Mr V. Thomas, BP Ou UK

Channel Tunnel Association

presided at a meeting held last night at the House of Lords to

might at the House of Lords to mark the breakthrough of the tunnel between England and France. Mr Tony Guetarbock, Mr Jeremy Gotch, Mr Peter Davis and Mr Correlly Barnett also spoke. Mr Alan Trichener,

chairman, and Mrs Titchene

were hosts at a reception held afterwards at the Farmers Club.

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and Professor Cadogan

Reception

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annual exhibition, as well as bers of the senate elected by mounting one man ex- the Bar, who would thus fill hibitions of his own in two distinct roles as members of the senate and members of an autonomous Bar Council. These recommendations were accepted by the Bar and the

chairman of East Sussex Quar-

ter Sessions in 1947 and a

High Court judge in 1948. He

was first assigned to the

Probate, Divorce and Ad-

miralty Division, transferring

to the Queen's Bench Division

in 1954. In 1957 he was made

a Lord Justice of Appeal and a

Privy Councillor. From 1962

to 1967 he was a Lord of

When he became chairman

of the Press Council, Pearce

proclaimed in his opening

speech that it was for the press

to see that democracy sur-

vived and that the voice of the

individual was still beard. The

converse was he said that the

press must behave responsibly

and exercise restraint. He also

served from 1969 to 1976 as

chairman of the appeals com-

mittee of the Takeover Panel.

In all his judicial busines

mind, and was a man on whom people felt that they

Pearce served on other im-

portant commissions and

committees, notably (as chair-

could implicitly rely.

Appeal in Ordinary.

LORD PEARCE

Pearce was not markedly gregarious, and nothing pleased him better than to escape to his home in Sussex, to work in his garden and to set up his easel. Nevertheless he had a very wide circle of friends and was constantly in demand as an afterdinner speaker in the City and eisewhere. His speeches, always delivered without a note, full of humour and ostengibly spontaneous, were in fact meticulously prepared. He was a master of the carefully

deceptive impromptu. He was for many years a

planned and perfectly times

British Sculptors.

In 1927 Pearce married Erica, daughter of Bertram Priestman, RA. She herself became an accomplished watercolourist in a minor mode of delightfully formalised groups of flowers and with her husband mounted combined exhibitions in which she held her own with ease and grace. She died in 1985. They had two sons, both of whom became QCs and the elder a circuit judge. Both

prominent and very popular member of the Court of the Worshipful Company of Skin-

ners of which he was master. 1946-47. He was a governor of Tonbridge school, Charter-house school and Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse. From 1950 to 1974 be was president of the Artists' League of Great Britain. He was a trustee of the Chantrey Bequest, and from 1971 held the title of professor of law at the Royal Academy of Arts. He was also an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of

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EUGENE ROSENBERG

Richard Cork writers

ALTHOUGH your obituary of Eugene Rosenberg (November 22) mentioned his enthusiasm for collecting and commissioning works of art, the full extent of his patronage deserves to be emphasised. At a time when most architects derided the role that art can play in an architectural context, Rosenberg set no limit on his efforts to enliven his own buildings with paintings, sculpture and prints.

Not only did he install Naum Gabo's great "Foun-tain" sculpture outside St Thomas's Hospital, he also ensured that there were more living artists represented on the walls of the Tate Gallery. By persistent personal plead-ing with the dealers, he got all the pictures in St Thomas's for free. An ideal sponsor who

built up a collection with a strong continental flavour h spent all he could afford on it, and I remember running into him at the Hanover Gallery around 1950 when he was contemplating a purchase. He had to dash round to the bunk to see if he could afford it.

When McWilliam produced his monumental bronze for Rosenberg's Altnagelvin Hospital, it aroused enormous controversy. "Although it denicts Princess Macha, a legendary Celtic character who founded the first hospital in breiand, there was a terrible fuss." Mc William remembers. Now however the scutpture can be seen as an outstanding example of Rosenberg's passionate belief that modern public buildings should be enlivened by images which give them an individual

SIR RICHARD ACLAND

Sir Richard Thomas Dyke informal movement which in Acland, politician and teacher, died on November 24 aged 83. He was born on November 26,

SIR Richard Acland was a figure of political importance for only 20 years but his career spanned some of the great events of the century and for a tune he appeared to represent the post-war aspirations of a substantial section of the British people. He belped to lead the fight against appearement and fascism in the 1930s, he led his own party in the Commons for a period during the war, and in 1955 his revolt against the H-bomb foreshadowed the dispute over nuclear weapons which was to divide Labour so disastrously during the 1960s and 1970s. Dick Acland was the 16th

baronet and his background — Rugby, Balliol and 17,000 acres in the West Country - did not immediately suggest a radical. But he came from liberal stock and his father had been one of Asquith's MPs. Aciend knew he was expected to follow many of his an-cestors who had served in the Commons and this was one tradition be accepted with relish. He fought unsuccessful battles at Torquay in 1929 and Barustaple in 1931, but in 1935 he captured the latter, He certainly entered par-

liament as a steady supporter of free trade and free cuterprise on liberal principles, but the growing threat of Germany and Italy attracted him to the Left Book Club where he started addressing the club's anti-fascist rallies, which backed a Popular Front against Hitler. A typical Left Book platform would consist of Dick Acland, Harold Laski and Harry Pollitt - a Liberal, Labour and Communist alliance. Acland was a passionate speaker, his tall, craggy figure seeming to embody all the non-conformity and radicalism of his West Country followers. Soon he was adopting the economic policies as well as the foreign policies of . his new left wing friends. His speeches took on an evangelical twinge for Christianity was the foundation of his new socialism as it had been for his

1940. Aciand served briefly in the Royal Artillery — for a while the only ranker among Com-mons members - but he was an improbable soldier and his main activity during the war was predictably political. In Stella Alford. They had three 1942 he published another sons. One. John Dyke Acland.

former Liberalism. His book,

Unser Kampf, calling for com-

mon ownership, was a best-

seller when it was published in

turn amalgamated with J. R. Priestley's 1941 Committee to form the Common Wealth party. With Labour cumeshed in the coalition government and the major parties committed to an electoral truce, Common Wealth had a clear run to collect any anti-government feelings in by-elections and in three of these Acland's party won spectacular victories. But the social impetus which started with the Beyendge Report benefited Labour and not Acland's party at

the 1945 election, where Com-

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overwhelmed. Shortly afterwards he decided to join the Labour party. In 1947 there was a byelection at Gravesend where the sitting Labour MP, Garry Allighan had been expelled from the Commons. Labour wanted a clean, ethical candidate and Herbert Morrison, then the great party manager, is said to have chosen Aciand himself. It was an emotional election with teams of miners from the Kent coalfields, their faces still black with dust parading through the streets in the light of their lamps. Against all odds Acland won. Morrison greeted the news of victory by singing to the press
Oh What A Beautiful

Morning." Acland, who had succeeded his father in 1939, handed over his estates to the National Trust in 1943. This symbolised his desire to cease being a land owner and to become a full time politician committed to public

ownership. For a time things went well in his new constituency. Acland was respected in party and MPs opposed to his policies recognised in him a soul driven by Christian beliefs. But in 1955 came the news that Britain would make its own H-bomb. Labour leaders refused to denounce this move and Acland resigned his seat in protest. He intended to force a by-election but the general election of May 1955 overtook him. Labour put up an official candidate and Acland went down, with Gravesend being a Conservative seat again. Acland was a premature nuclear disarmer. The CND marches did no start until three years later and Acland in 1955 was a small voice compared with a mass movement which later divided the Labour party. From: 1959 to 1974 he taught at St Luke's College, Exeter.

He married in 1936 Anne book. Forward March, and born in 1939, succeeds to the



imaginative identity.

Dinners Indian Ambanada The Dake and Duchess of Kent were the guests of honour at a dinner given by the Italian Ambassador and Signora Biancheri last night at the Italian Embassy. Members of the London Philharmonic gave a concert. Among the other MESTS WELL

Maria Curmela Viscolintess
Hembleden Loré and Lady Rayne.
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Order of St John Mr Robert Pooley, Chairman of the Society of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, was bost at a dinner held last night at Fish-mongers' Hall to mark Sir Stephen Miller's retirement as Hospitaller of the Order of St John. Among those present were the Jordanian Ambassador, Lord Grey of Naumon (Lord Prior), Lord Vestey (Chancellor) and Lord Westbury (Builiff of Egle).

attended the annual dinner of the Priends of Sri Lanka Associ-Surrey University, presided a the annual Treasure's conner beld last ought at the university. Among those present were:

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Christening The infinit daughter of Mr and tened Alexandra Victoria by the Rev Patrick Whitworth at Holy

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the Royal Military School of Music at Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a Grocers' Company luncheon at Grocers' Hall at 12.30.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of The Princess of Wales, Patron of the Maicolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, will strend the annual meeting at 32 Chesham Place, SW1, at 11.40. The Duchess of York will open the new surgical and paediatric development at the City General Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, at 2.00.

Prince Edward, as President of the National Youth Music Thestre, will attend a performance of Once Upon a War at the Opera House, Jersey, at 7.55, The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visat the fund's shop, Gratian Road, Bradford, at 9.50; will open Peat Marwick McLintock's new offices in Bradford at 10.15; as Patron of the National Association of

and Clothing Export Council, will visit B. Berwin, Roseville Road, Leeds, at 3.55. Later, she will attend a charity ball at the Conference Centre, Harrogate, at 7.30.

The Duke of Kent, chancellor, will visit Surrey University, Guildford, at 10.30. Princess Alexandra will attend a

Citizens Advice Bureaux, will visit the bureau's extension in the Library at Birstall 10.50; at Patron of the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, she will visit

the basic skills workshop at Wakefield College at 11.30. As President of the British Knittids and Cothins

and Clothing Export Council, she will visit Mantland Mens

wear, Lanthwante Industrial Estate, South Kirby, at 1.20;

Cimara, Grape Street, Leeds at 2.30. She will open Peat Marwick McLintock's new offices in Leeds at 3.25; and, as

President of the British Knitting

concert at St James's Palace at 6.50 in aid of Euzabeth FitzRof. Homes.

University news

Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine Major grants include:

relicome Trust: £189,045 to notessor J A Lucy to study molecular notessing and functioning of medi-ally important planna propous.

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The Overseas Development
Administration has awarded Dr Nick Frenchs, of the institute of

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Jean-Baptiste Lully, composer, Florence, 1632; Wil-

composer, Florence, 1632; William Blake, poet, engraver and painter, London, 1757. William Froude, naval architect, Dartingron, Devon, 1816; Friedrich Engels, co-author of the Communist Manifesto, Parmen Germany, 1820. Barmen, Germany, 1820. DEATHS: Gian Berning, Sculptor, Rome, 1680; Matson Basho, poet, Osaka, Japan, 1694; Washington Irving, writer, Tarrytown, New York, 1859; Enrico Fermi, physicist, Nobel laureate 1938, Chicago, 1954; Richard Wright, novelis, 1954; Richard Wright, novelis, 1956; Havergal Brian, composer, Shoreham, Susser, 1972.

Sinn Fein was founded in Dublin, 1905.

and sculptor, 66; Sir David Croom-Johnson, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 76; Mr F C.H. du Preez, rugby player, 55; Mr Terence Frisby, playwright, actor and producer, 58; the Right Rev M.G. Hare Duke, Bishop of St Andrews. Dunkeid and Dunblane, 65; Miss Enid Lakeman, editorial consultant. Electoral Reform Society, 87: Lord Macdonald, 43; Mr Keith Miller, cricketer, 71; General Sir David Mostva, 62; Miss Dervia Murphy, author. 59; Sir Idris Pearce, chartered surveyor, 57: the Right Rev Patrick Rodger, former Bishop of Oxford, 70; Mr H.S. Tate, chairman,

dancing are £40.00; excluding dinner £25.00. Sandford St Martin

HIM Coverage of State Mr Tom King, Secretary of State Trust Awards for Defence, and members of the The Sandford St Martin Trust Defence Council were hosts at a held its appual awards ceremony yesierday at Lambeth reception given by Her May eary's Government last night at Lancaster House to meet the Commonwealth defence and Palace, by courtesy of the Arch-bishop of Canterbury and Mrs Runcie. The Right Rev Lord service advisers and defence and service attaches in the Umited Blanch presided and the awards for excellence in religious broadcasung (radio) were pre-sented by the Bishop of Peter-Meeting borough. The first prize was awarded to GRF Christian Lard Tevlot Lord Tevior, President of the

Radio in Glasgow for their series on the Resurrection.

Cooks' Company The following have been installed officers of the Cooks' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr C.E. Messent; Second Master, Mr H.E. Taylor, Warden, Mr P.A. Towsey, Renter Warden, Mr R.P. Horne.

Horticulture

Christmas cacti set the scene

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture correspondent

at the Baltic Exchange given by Mr Paul Vogt, chairman, and directors of the exchange. Among those present were:

Str Jeffrey Sterling, Mr A F P Barnes. Not S N F Putt My D W France, Not Mr D W Paul Martin and Mr G B Aberman Cive Martin and Mr G B Aberman Cive City Liaison Group The City Liaison Group held THE ROYAL Horticultural Society's final flower show of the year has a seasonal exotic theme. A festive display of luncheon on Tuesday, November 27, at The Brewery, Chiswell Street, London, ECI. The Right Hon Kenneth Baker, MP, was the guest speaker and Mr Francis Sitwell was in the chair. scarlet, pink and cream poinsernias, amid tropical green-ery, from the Royal Borough of Kensugton and Chelsea, forms

the centrepiece.

Chrismas cacti, and the simi-The Lady Mayoress presented the Tailow Chandlers' medals and awards to BP apprentices lar but earlier flowering crab cacti, staged by Mr W. L. Tjaden, of Welling, Kent, and Westfield Cacti, of Kenford, Devon, are creating eye-catching splashes of and young researchers at a luncheon at Tallow Chandlers Hail yesterday. The Master Wardens and Court also re

Orchid exhibits are providing flamboyant colour, although the glistening white flowers of calanthes, resembling flights of white doves, are creating a cool effect and being featured by Burnham Nurseries, of Newton Abbot, Devon, and Woodstock Orchds, of Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire. Dr H. F. Oakeley, of Beckenham, Kent, has an educational exhibit of

lycaste orchids. A collection of pines staged by Lincluden Nursery, of Basley, Survey, is commanding interest, especially two unusual kinds of Scots puge, Punus sylvestres: the and Gold Coun, a slow-growing variety with yellow needles.

The Orchid Society of Great

Britain's compension is well supported. The best exhibit is a species with pendulous trusses of small pick flowers, Rodrizuezia secunda 'Hillside', shown by Mr A. Sheikhi, of Groombridge, Kent, who was awarded the L. G. Page trophy.
The Schroder cup for a disthe Scurouer cup for a cuspley of orchids and ornamental phasis has been won by Mrs Josephine Kelleber, of Orpungton, Kent. Mrs Kelleber has also

gained the Rittershausen trophy for six species, which include Encyclia cochleata with spadery cream and purple flowers. The David Sander trophy for four orchid species has been won by Mr Johan Hermans, of north London, whose exhibit includes Brassia neglecta with line-green spader-like flowers. lime-preen spuder-like flowers. Mr John Davison, of Littlehampton, West Sursex, has won first prize in a new and well-supported class for nine orchods. The exhibit includes superb specimens of Paphiopedilum insigne (green

and bronze flowers) and P. insigne 'Sanderae' (yellow and white). In the RHS competition for ornamental plants the Rosse for three couriers has been won by the National Trust's Sheffield Park Gardens,

Uckfield, Sussex.
The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street,
Westminster, is open today
from 10 am to 5 pm.

Robinson prize in cosmology The University of Newcast

upon Type announces the award of the Robinson prize in cosmology to Professor Marun Rees, Plumian professor of astronomy and experimental philosophy and Director of philosophy and Director of the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge University. The prate will be presented at a ceremony to be held in the University of Newcastle upon Tyme on March 6, 1991, following which Professor Rees will deliver a public lecture on has subject.

Friends of Sri Lanks The High Commissioner for Sri Lanka and Mrs Attygalle atton held last night at the Royal Over-Seas League. Sir John Nicholas, chairman, presided. Surrey University Mr N.J. Robson, Treasurer of

Trinity Brompton, on Tuesday, November 27. The godparents are the Hon Mrs David McAlpine, Mr Edward Davies-Gubert and Miss Isobel Smith-

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> MR IRVING IN THE BELLS

We had a very difficult task very creditably executed in the performance of Mr H. Irving as the chief personage in an English version of Le Juif Polonais, produced on Saturday at the Lyceum, with an extra-ordinary success to which he, in great measure, contributed. The Lyceum version written by Mr. Leopold Lewis and entitled The Bells is, if we accept one alteration, to all intents and purposes the work of M. M.

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The plot is extremely simple and the interest is of a purely psychological kind, the action of the story in the strictest sense of the word having taken place before the rise of the curtain. A man, not of a naturally malignant disposition, but impelled by poverty, has many years ago committed a murder. His character is above suspicion, and the chances that the crime will ever be brought home to him are reduced to a nullity. Nevertheless his own conscience torments him in form so palpable that it almost becomes a bodily persecution, and he finally dies under

its pressure. Such, and no more, is the subject of Le Juij Polonais.

It will be obvious to every reader play depends almost wholly upon the actor who represents Mathias, the dew. To this one part all the others

are subordinate, and while it is most are subordinate, and while it is most grateful to an artist who can appreciate and grapple with its difficulties, it would altogether crush an aspirant whose ambition was disproportionate to his talent; but remarkable for the strength of his physique, Mr. H. Irving has thrown the whole force of his mind into the character, and works out bit by hit the concluding hours of a hife passed in a constant effort to preserve a cheerful exterior, with a conscience tortuned until it has become a monomania.

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In the dream his position is changed. The outer world is gone and conscience is all triumphant, assisted by an imagination which violently brings together the anticipated terrors of a criminal court and the mesmeric feats be has recently witnessed. The struggles of the miserable culprit, convinced that all is lost, but desperately fighting against hope, rebelling against the clairjudges, protesting sgainst the clairvoyant, who wrings his secret from
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By their TV manner shall we know them?

like it on the small screen since the World Cup. For those with an interest in the natural history of political behaviour, the beauty contest for the Tory leadership has been every bit as fascinating as David Attenborough's trap-door spiders and baya

Both main channels were determined at the weekend not to be guilty of taking the edgeways during the lengthy monologue conducted each Sunday lunchtime by Brian and managed to come up with Walden. The BBC simply set Jonathan Dimbleby yapping

at their heels. Michael Heseltine turned in the silkiest performances, John Major the most stolidly consistent, Douglas Hurd the most impressive. The foreign secretary also got the prize for the most elegant put-down of the campaign - "You're not vulgar at all, Jonathan - to those that really know you".

Although there is a slightly metallic quality to his voice, Mr Hurd treats the language altogether more kindly than either of his rivals. Mr Heseltine has always had difficulty with the letter R; Mr Major's problems are with his unbeautiful vowels, which make Edward Heath's sound almost patrician.

Sartorially it was always going to be an unequal contest. Mr Hurd, initially sensitive to the "establishment candidate" label that Major supporters were trying to pin on him, appeared in shirt-sleeves at his first televised press conference in the Map Room of the Foreign Office (est your heart out, Lord Curzon). By the weekend he of political forthrightness; his had found a couple of answers on the community comfortable pullovers, one charge were clearer and more blue, one yellow, and looked a muscular than those of his good deal more relaxed.

see a classless society in this party spectrum was attraccountry by 2000, and if his dress sense is anything to go by, he means it. Mr Heseltine, by contrast, could easily, if penny or two as a model for Lord Lichfield.

This was a more tired and during his ITV performance past week that he is richly

Tory images: how

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has treated the three contenders

menagerie of prairie dogs, on Sunday, but probably only to conceal his irritation at not getting a chance to say very much. There was a delicious sequence when Mr Walden led him up into a high place and election too seriously. ITV invited him to accept the invited the candidates to see if description of "the saviour of they could get a word in his party". Mr Heseltine demurred, rummaged in his scanty reserves of modesty,

"I am a healer".

secretary's performance sometimes suggests that he went to the same charm school as Billy Graham. Mr Major's performance confirms that he has wasted little time in academies of any sort. He emerges as a character from Kipps or Love and Mr Lewisham sturdy, self-reliant, full of common sense, resistant to fashionably received opinion, very clear about what be thinks and wants. His interviewers have been busy trying to manoeuvre him into the "son of Thatcher" pigeonhole, I see him as a latter-day

Clement Attlee, and that could be much more worrying

for his opponents. If Mr Hurd had not abandoned diplomacy for politics he would recently have retired from the higher reaches of the Foreign Office. His performance still carries some of the marks of the diplomat. In his television appearances in the past week that has been almost entirely a strength. It has certainly not stood in the way opponents, and his definition Mr Major says he wants to of where he stood in the Tory tively precise and totally de-

void of cant, Politicians traditionally do not rate highly in the sincerity politics ever palled, earn a stakes. "Is insincerity such a terrible thing?" asked Dorian Gray. "I think not, It is merely a method by which we can more anxious Mr Heseltine multiply our personalities." than we had seen a week Mr Heseltine has certainly earlier. He smiled quite a lot confirmed on television in the

all occasions - "the David in this contest" in one interview, "the true inheritor of Thatcherism" in the next.

His leadership campaigning style is more polished than that of Messrs Hurd and Major — and so it should be: he has had four years to burnish it. And yet there is still a whiff of the synthetic and the contrived about it. He conveys a stronger impression of calculation than the other two. Aithough he appears physically relaxed, the guard is never down. He has an air of unremitting watchfulness. There is a quality of almost feline wariness, a sense of solitariness that is curiously at The remorseless smoothodds with much of the ianness of the former defence guage he uses about compromise and consensus and

> is two rivals' performances confirmed what we already knew about them - that Mr Major is all of a piece and bas a robust and direct political intelligence; that they share a fastidious and welcome reluctance to make policy "on the hoof"; and that if the contest were to be decided on quality of mind. the winner would be the foreign secretary,

In The Times on Monday the editor placed Mr Hurd in Framley Parsonage. If the foreign secretary is from Trollope and the Chancellor, as I think, from H.G. Wells, where are we to locate Mr Heseltine?

He swashbuckles a good deal less than he did in his salad days, but there is still something faintly operatic about his performance. Watching him this last week, I remembered the occasion towards the end of his career when Geraint Evans sang the part of Dr Coppelius, the optician in The Tales of Hoffmann. The costume department at

Covent Garden had got Evans up in a voluminous overcoat reaching to his ankles. On his first entrance, the itinerant quack threw wide the flaps of the coat. There, stitched into the lining on either side, was his dazzling stock of optical instruments - from which, as the sophisticates of the Tory electoral college will no doubt remember, Hoffmann selects a pair of magic spectacles . . .

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st face on it: Bernard Ingham at the left hand of Margaret Thatcher, not always the easiest of places to keep your balance

Off the record, almost

THE ARRIVAL of a new Tory leader will almost certainly mean the end of another era: that of Bernard Ingham, Margaret Thatcher's controversial press secretary for the past 11 years. He has been so closely associated with Mrs Thatcher that the new prime minister will want his own person to give a new vision of the future. Mr ingham does not fit.

Mr Ingham has been working on that assumption and, at 58 years old, may now retire, at least from the Civil Service. He could command a sixfigure salary as a public relations consultant in industry or commerce, and a lucrative lecture circuit undoubtedly beckons. He will certainly write a promised book about No 10 not of the "kiss and tell" variety, but one about how Downing Street should

Mr Ingham may be felt to have some explaining to do in the book, though in fact he differs less from his predecessors than the critics suggest. Sir Donald Maitland, who was

press secretary, is sometimes quoted

plucked by Edward Heath from the diplomatic services to become his

Tory images: John Lewis says Bernard Ingham's critics often mistook loyalty for partisanship

as the last of the archetypal detached civil servants. Maitland was a gentle-manly, brilliant, meticulous briefer, but also totally committed to the service of Mr Heath.

Harold Wilson brought in an outside political press secretary in Trevor, later Sir Trevor, Lloyd Hughes, in the first Wilson administration, and then gave the job to Joe Haines, another political appointment. The closest to a detached professional in those days was Henry James, deputy to Labour's press secretary and later appointed briefly by Mrs Thatcher. He was the legendary briefer who would convey a reporter's nearness to the truth by the uplift of his famous eyebrows.

Contrary to the popular view, Mr. Ingham is very much a man who wants to convey information. He is uneasy if he cannot tell the whole truth. What has distinguished him from his predecessors is the level of his commitment and the bluff North Country way he has represented the prime minister's views.

The impression is given of a bullying technique, but journalists should not protest provided the views are genuinely those of the prime minister. "Balderdash" and "codswallop" are among his most frequent descriptions of the latest newspaper theory. He is, as he must know, in danger of self parody.

His reputation means that he is accused of responsibility for anything which looks like government skullduggery, though in many cases he has been innocent of any involvement. The most serious allegations are that he privately undermined the position of ministers such as John Biffen, whom he is said to have described as "semi-detached" from the cabinet, and Francis, now Lord, Pym. Colleagues claim that if he made dis-paraging remarks they are likely to

have come from trying to give an honest answer to a question. Mrs.: Thatcher did believe Mr Biffen had. made himself detached.

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Mr Ingham is also charged with...
Machiavellian skill in tightening No. 10's control of the entire government. information machine. Again, his colleagues see this as nothing more minister than an attempt to encourage greater professionalism.

The regular Monday meetings of

government information directors, chaired by Mr Ingham, do no more?" than discuss what is coming up over the next few weeks, how to cluster all. the bad news on one day and spread. the good news over a week. Which press adviser does not do that? The reality is that any prime

minister is going to want a fully committed and highly efficient press : secretary who makes the best of the government's achievements and the ... cast of its failures.

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MEDIA WATCH

THE Jewish Chronicle has lost its zealous monitor of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic articles in the British

press. Philip Kleinman, who wrote

the newspaper's media column,

resigned last week following a

decision by the new editor, Ned

Temko, to widen the scope of the

weekly column and lessen its fre-

quency to make way for coverage of other media topics. Mr Klein-man says Mr Temko's decision

"looks as though, at a time when

the propaganda war against the

Jewish state has never been fiercer, the Jewish Chronicle is backing

away from the battlefield". Mr

Temko denies the charge: "We

continue to feel that where there is

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Television Commission to pro-

vide alternative programming on

the BSB Marco Polo satellite,

which must be vacated by the merged British Sky Broadcasting at a yet undisclosed time. The

Montreal-based cable operator

says it has all the programmes it needs to "move in" now. But Videotron may run up against the same non-EC ownership regu-

latory hurdles that prevented a

merged Sky/BSB from operating

To Russia with love

LONELY Soviet singles will have

the chance to meet their perfect

match in a Russian version of Sky Television's "relationship game show", Love At First Sight. Mos-

cow's Channel One is sending a

Soviet production team, six Russian contestants and a host this Priday to the Nottingham studios of Action Time, which makes the Sky programme, to record a ten-

show Soviet edition. Several Brit-

ish contestants will also take part.

Couples who choose each other on

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uction team will go to Moscow to

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on the domestic satellite.

An eye on

prejudice

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Signing off from the news at 63

drawing-room wall, the Afghan rugs on the sofa garden. They are for public consumption, and show the urbane side of the ITN newscaster Sandy Gall. Two more personal images can be found in his comfortable converted oast-house in Kent. They point to oldfashioned qualities of boyish humour and derring-do which are now only hinted at when he summons a twinkle to his eyes and signs off from News at Ten. Typically for this diffident man, they are shut away in his downstairs lavatory. One, a black and white photograph, shows a younger Sandy Gall in the ITN studio. He beams gwith obvious pleasure; on the desk in front of him stands an outsize bottle of whisky, which dwarfs the camera and everything else in sight. Beside this on the wall is a form ordering the expulsion of Henderson Alexander Gall, then a Reuters correspondent, from Idi Amin's Uganda in 1971.

At the end of next month Mr Gall, aged 63, steps down from the job he has done since 1970 presenting News at Ten - and returns to the road as a roving correspondent. But the company is getting its money's worth. When he mentions that his last newscast will be on New Year's Eve, his artist daughter, Michaela, comments from an adjoining room,
"What a cheek?"

It is wrong to infer that the lanky Mr Gall resents ITN's decision to pull him out of the newscaster's spotlight. His "livedin face" - to quote an ITN colleague - will be replaced by the younger Alastair Stewart, while Mr Gall concentrates on "special assignments" for two years, until

Mr Gall, the Malayan-born son

Who cares how old

TV newscasters are?

Andrew Lycett

reports as Sandy Gall leaves News at Ten

of a Scottish rubber planter, is too much of a gentleman to admit that this hurts. He has been discussing his departure from News at Ten with his employers for nearly a year. He feels "a natural term has come to an end: it's like leaving university and starting a

He does not particularly like the competitiveness of the television ratings war, anyway. Untike his friend and colleague, Sir Alastair Burnet, he has never indulged in media politica. Asked about recent problems at ITN, he says only: "It has been a difficult period, but it doesn't really reflect on working on News at Ten. I've never been conscious of any great crisis."

He seems genuinely delighted to be returning to his first love— reporting. In recent years he has taken extended periods away from the Autocue, including five trips filming behind Russian lines with the Mujahedin in Afghanistan. It is all part of a carefully managed process - acknowledged by ITN of gradually removing a well-known figure from the public

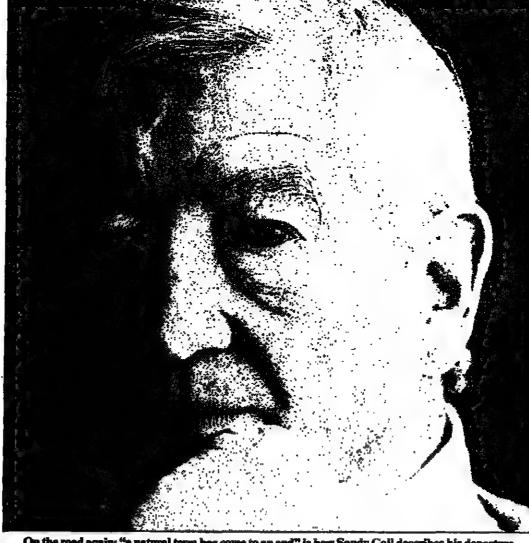
Mr Gail aiready has his life post-News at Ten mapped out. He is on contract to ITN, which has first call on his services. His brief is to do special reports on stories behind the news. "So far we've only talked about going to the Gulf," he says. He shows some enthusiasm for investigating the effects of the Gulf conflict on Saudi Arabia's internal develop-

He also has some personal television projects in mind. He describes one, cagily, as "a foreign murder mystery which has never been property explained", and he wants to do a six-part historical series - he even has his own company, Doubleton Films (named after his oast-house), to wake it Then there is his blesser. make it. Then there is his literary output. He has just finished his seventh book — on the Kenyan naturalist George Adamson — called Lord of the Lions. This follows his autobiography, Don't Worry book the Money Now (a telling title) telling title), two well-received books on Alghanistan, and three thrillers drawing on his experi-ences in trouble-spots around the

o what of stories which circulated earlier this year, suggesting that Mr Gall and Sir Alastair, also aged 63, were about to be dumped because viewers (and, therefore, advertisers) considered them too old? Some people at ITN put these reports down to gamesmanship by its owners, the independent television companies. Sir Alastair. who was then on the ITN board. was the architect of the plan since adopted in the Broadcasting Bill - to sell 51 per cent of ITN to outside investors, and the ITV companies objected to sharing a potentially golden goose.

In fact, market research tends to suggest that, rather than craving younger newscasters, Britons are strangely indifferent about who reads the headlines. ITN says its evidence backs the old theory that viewers prefer an avuncular figure "with some credentials" in front of the Antocue: like Mr Gall, in

Adopting the same non-ageist



On the road again: "a natural term has come to an end" is how Sandy Gali describes his departure

stance, the BBC says it does not go for youth or looks in its presenters. "We want people who can form part of a programme team," a spokesman says. However much news organisations reiterate this line, their day-to-day practice suggests otherwise. In the past the BBC has paid huge sums to entice younger frontmen, such as Martyn Lewis and Peter Sissons, to its network. It recently lost the Newsnight anchorman, Donald McCormick, aged 51, to London Weekend Television. His depar-

ture was widely reported as a

reaction against the emphasis the corporation now places on thirtysomething presenters such as Jeremy Paxman.

In the United States the success of the Cable News Network is often attributed to a new breed of clean-cut young anchorpersons. However, CBS says the age of its presenters is not an important criterion. Its main night-time news is fronted by 59-year-old Dan Rather, while Mike Wallace remains at the helm of its flagship Sixty Minutes programme at the

younger presenters at ITN. Audiences for News at Ten may regularly be smaller than for the BBC's Nine O'Clock News (6.9 million in the last quarter to September, compared with 7.4 million), but Mr Davies attributes this to the programming around ITN. "News at Ten is the bit in the

Vic Davies, the research direc-

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Media Business, says there is no evidence that advertisers want

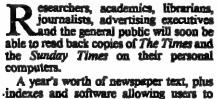
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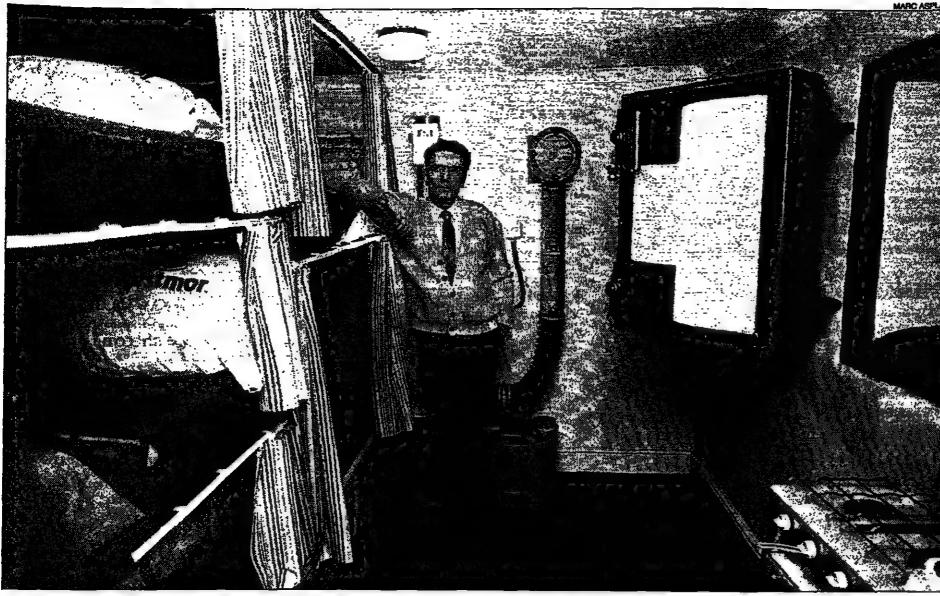
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Suburbia digs in against Saddam

of the cold war may have led to a Home Office freeze on the of government-funded nuclear bunkers, flesh stirrings of self-preservation are being reported in the eardens of suburbia

The tension in the Gulf since the Iragi occupation of Kuwait is cited as the main reason for renewed interest in domestic fall-out shelters, just as the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan a decade ago was responsible for their first surge of popularity in the early and mid-1980s.

The Federation of Nuclear Shelter Consultants and Contractors, which lays down guidelines for the construction of shelters, claims that the number of enquiries from members of the public has risen steadily during the past three months, and is continuing to do so. Colin Croft, its chairman, estimates the number of private bunkers in Britain at about 3,000, and likely to

Most of those built at the start of the decade are thought to survive intact, even though the apparent back of imminent need has modified the functions of some. In the quiet Surrey town of Chertsey, Jack Barrett, a retired Heathrow baggage porter who built his bunker in 1984 with 32 yards of concrete and a degree of native ingenuity, says: "Of course it's still here. I can't get rid of it, can I? It does make a pretty good wine cellar, and at present I use it for storage. Some of my friends thought I was completely round the twist, although after I had built it some of them wondered if they could reserve a place in the event of a nuclear strike.

Mr Barrett is one of several

The cold war's official end has not ended nuclear fears, and events in the Gulf have led to an increase in DIY shelters. Alan Franks reports

hundred householders who resorted to do-it-yourself techniques, encouraged by the fact that, provided the shelter protruded no more than aft above the ground, they could go ahead without having to satisfy the local authority's building regulations. His shelter, hidden among the apple trees and rockery at the back of his semi-detached house, boasts 18in thick walls of steel-reinforced concrete, a room 13ft by 8ft, and a compartment for a chemical lavatory. The total cost was about £2,000. "The only thing I didn't build myself was the steel door on runners," he says. If the federation is correct in

predicting a growing demand for oddiy enough, could be the moratorium in the municipal sector. This is described by the Home Office as a holding measure while it reviews the future of its civil defence commitments. Plans for more than a dozen emergency centres, the official term to denote bunkers, are affected by the freeze. In the view of David Moses, the president of the County Emergency Planning Offi-cers' Society (Cepos), the big ques-tion will be whether in future these centres have to compete for funding with other calls on the local authority budget, rather than receive direct financial support from the government, as has been the case until

The cost of building a shelter in the garden can vary enormously. In the words of Mr Croft, there is "all

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Rolls". The majority of those supplied by the federation's member companies are built to Swiss or Swedish designs, either from reinforced concrete or glass fibre and steel shells in concrete cladding.

In Switzerland, shelters come as a standard feature of new homes and the Swiss see no reason to overturn the 1963 civil defence law which made the requirement. They regard Chemobyl as an indication of the sort of environmental catastrophe. nuclear or chemical, that could oblige a population to go temporarily underground. Swiss households are reminded regularly to maintain basic reserves: sugar, rice, noodles, lentils, semolina, cooking oil and

The Swiss shelter programm with an annual cost of about £250 million, aims at subterranean safety ready for everyone well before the end of the decade. Because pre-1963 towns and villages have public shelters for which allocation of places has been computerised. By far the largest city shelter is in Lucerne. The Sonnenberg road tunnel there can be converted into a seven-storey shelter holding 20,000 people and has its own hospital and

diesel generators.

So far, Cepos says, it has no evidence to support the federation's predictions that the British public is coming increasingly interested in shelters. The society reports "only a handful of calls" in the course of a year, perhaps as little as two or three, compared with several each

day in the wake of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Meanwhile, the House Builders' Federation says that the inclusion of nuclear shelters in private home design remains, as it has always been, a scarcely perceptible trend. Likewise, the Building Societies Association reports an "insignificant" number of mortgage applica-

tions for bunker construction. The British appetite has proved unpredictable over the past ten years, with Chernobyl and the Libyan crisis bringing negligible numbers of fresh orders to the manufacturers. One frequently advanced explanation is that whereas the Home Office booklet "Protect and Survive" had quickened a selfensive mood in the minds of individuals after Africanistan, this was effectively countered within three or four years by a sense of the futility of any civil defence in the less, the building societies concede that those shelters installed at the height of the fashion have at least

With the period of growth came the predictable advent of the cowboys. In Southampton one householder paid £2,000 for a shelter beneath his garden constructed only of railway sleepers. Elsewhere, a customer found himself paying for an unclad fibreglass shell which would have been shattered by the vibrations of a falling tree, never mind a nuclear holocaust; others parted with deposits of several ndred pounds, and never saw the "contractors" again. Probably the most grandiose scheme of the decade belonged to a civil engineering contractor who spent £150,000 on a 75-person shelter in the grounds of his Sussex home, allocated 25 places free of charge, and left the remaining 50 to be filled at £6,000 a head.

The public sector, too, has seen its fair share of mishaps. In 1985 it came to light that one local au-thority in Somerset had a shelter with an outside water tank and lavatory, despite the regulation dictating that members should stay inside the compound for at least two weeks after an attack. The bill for improvements came to £20,000.

If you build a shelter into the design of a new house, and have it done properly," Mr Croft says, "you can probably do it for not much more than £3,000." His federation is about to release a video containing advice and practical tips for the aspiring DIY bunker builder. "If you are constructing one separately, then it might be anything from £2,500 to more than £10,000. There cannot be accused of failing to put his money where his mouth is. His own home in Hatfield, Hertfordthire, boasts a 12ft deep shelter topped with 3ft of concrete, "I built it above a well, so that we could draw the water up from underneath. With a proper living area, deation and ventilation, and the proper stocks of food, you could survive forever. Well, a very long time. Recently I heard about one man who went to view a house and then hardly looked around it at all. His only interest was in the bunker at the end of the garden. He said he had just been reading Nostradamus."

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Tomorrow's babies are just as likely to be helped into this world by a former A-level student or lollipop lady as they are by registered nurses who have chosen the followon midwifery option. This academic term, the

first seven courses for preregistration midwifery training began with schools of 12 to students in Birmingham, north London, Stockport, Suffolk, Northampton, chester and Bristol. required standard of edu-

cation for the courses is a minimum of five O-levels, including English and a science, with evidence of either recent study such as A-level or work during the past

three years. Students will be entitled to an 80 per cent poll tax bursary of £4,000 (out of which they must buy their books), and at the end of their threeyear course hope to fully ешетве fledged midwives cation diploma. Some will be able to take a fourth-

year degree option. The Royal College of Midwives says that the response to the course has been excellent. The college, which is keen to make midwifery a more attractive

career, recently identified poor childcare facilities as one of the reasons why young midwives are leaving the service. This looks less likely to be a problem with the newstyle midwifery trainees: about two out of three students in many centres are heady mothers. "We are losing about a quarter of our numbers," says

Anne Thompson, senior lec-

torer in midwifery studies at the Royal College of Midmatically improved if we fish in the pool of mature women." there need be no doubt that the specially trained midwife can do her job as well as a nurse who has had midwifery training. "We are not a branch of nursing," she insists. "As a midwife I don't need to know

an ulcer. The new numbers now being filtered through, says Chris Midgley, the course director at Birmingham and Solihull College of Midwifery,

how to change the dressing on

THE NHS cord that tradition-ally bound the skills of mid-vice. "More time will be able wifery to nursing has been cut to be spent by midwives with mothers right through their pregnancies.

"A lot of doctors may see the mother for three and a half minutes only. A midwife can talk to her for between 30 and 45 minutes — and for longer if she has any problems."

Joy Prior, a 42-year-old

mother of two and a former office cleaner and iollipop lady, joined a midwifery course in September."In 1972 I had started my SRN training but couldn't complete mores than six months because of a bad motorbike accident. After going to the college open day in the summer, she decided it was exactly what she



When the course is completed, Mrs Prior says she is considering working with Voluntary Service Overseas. "I wouldn't go on to a degree course. I haven't got time on

AT 18, Alison Lloyd-Jones is the country's youngest course student working mingham. "I had a choice of places lined up to study music in Bath, Lancaster and Kingston," she says. Yet even before her results came through she the midwifery course she had already been offered. "At first my parents were a bit shocked but they have been very

the life she leads and that of university students: "Our holidays are only seven weeks a year, and our level of commitment is very much greater."

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BRIEFING

Sir Harry's triple echo

THE premiere of Sir Harrison Birtwistle's new opera, Gawain, at Covent Garden next May - eagerly awaited after The Mask of Orpheus sent such admired waves of electronic sound round the London Coliscum in 1986 - is only the first of three works the Royal Opera has commissioned from the taciture composer. A second, a short-length chamber opera, will probably again have words by David Harsent, with whom Birtwistle's collaboration on Gawain has apparently been happy. After that, probably near the end of the century, will come another full-scale piece.

Ad nausea

THE symbiotic relationship be-tween television advertisements and their pop music soundtracks te:has been amply demonstrated this year. "The Joker" by Steve Miller reached No 1 in September followzing its use in a jeans commercial, and "It Takes Two" by Rod Stewart and Tina Turner, the recording of which was specially ioned for a Pepsi advert, is at No 5 this week. Next in line is a chewing gum commercial to be launched in the New Year featuring Free's perennial anthem, "All Right Now". The single will be optimistically re-released to co-incide with the start of the campaign in January,

Last chance \dots

COMEDIENNE Thes Vidale, who calls herself "Houston's Chocolate Kiss", heads an exciting line-up for the final week of Stand Up Americal, the first festival of its kind to take place in a West End theatre. Vidale, who is fairly large and formidably funny, has been hailed in the United States as the black Roseanne Barr. She is joined by another Houston-bred standup, Bill Hicks, whose harsh and sarcastic style was fashioned with the group "Outlaws of Comedy", and by the infinitely more dissident Fred Stoller, who creates a weird and entirely absorbing comic world. See them until Saturday at the Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Modest maestro puts music first

he story of Mariss Jansons is simple. He is the conductor that got away. If fine musicianship, a modest manner, a cultured mind and enormous respect from colleagues were all it took to reach the pinnacles of the musical profession, the 47-yearold Latvian would have been there

a decade ago.
But does he have that ruthless streak? Does he rant and make orchestras tremble? Does he issue impossible, egotistical demands (called "star quality") that send record-company executives hopping like demented frogs? Does he connive in the game of musical politics when the major conducting jobs are being decided?

Certainly not. This is a mu-

sician who wants to take a six-month subbatical in 1992 to "listen to other people's concerts and rehearsals". Press him for details and he will shyly admit that "my dream is to go to some Carlos Kleiber rehearsals". No shame in that: what scientist, in the 1940s, would have turned down a guided tour of Oppen-heimer's laboratory? Except that Jansons is a conductor who came to the Barbican two years ago with the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, and produced some of the subtles performances of Romantic music that London has heard in seasons.

He is an orchestral trainer who went to the second-division Oslo Philharmonic 11 years ago, and has since coaxed the Norwegians to standards that are the envy of more famous musical capitals. And not least, he was the almost unknown Soviet who gave the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra a period of true glory in the early 1980s: an impassioned cycle of Tchaikovsky symphonies, televised nightly, that suddenly alerted the musical public to an important new talent lurking. unexpectedly, in a Cardiff studio. Subsequently, however, the big plums on the musical tree have

eluded his grasp, perhaps because

DANCE

Latvian conductor Mariss Jansons, who

is coming to London

for two concerts,

interviewed by Richard Morrison

he was more intent on nurturing the roots. The last 18 months have seen a flurry of major conducting appointments in Los Angeles, London, New York, Berlin, Philadelphia, Chicago and Paris. If Jansons was the brooding type, he might ruminate on the fact that

his abilities qualify him to fulfil such positions with distraction. But somebow he was never in the right place at the right time. The vital job of music director of the London Philharmonic, the South Bank's resident orchestra, was a typical instance. "Of course ed to consider Maries," said one London Philharmonic insider. "The orchestra really

admires him. But he has only conducted us once or twice. We

could not be sure." The pity is that Jameons is exactly the kind of resident music director, painstaking but inspirational, that any city should grab.
"I believe a chief conductor should be the father of the orchestral family, and also a prime mover of a city's musical life." These are words that nearly every aspiring conductor atters, but in Oslo over the last 11 years, Jameous has matched them with deeds. He has premiered many new Norwegian works (though when questioned about their quality, he replies with a light laugh). He has launched a piano competition in the city, and now has plans for a music school, though this is foundering on Scandina-vian egalitarianism. "It is strange

that I, coming from a communist

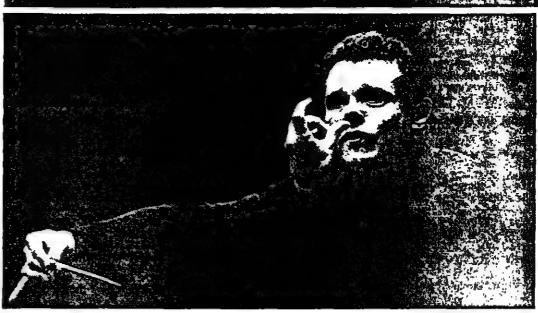
background, should want to de-velop the finest talent, while they - from the free enterprise world should insist that all children receive the same education."

That is, of course, not strange at all. Jamons is a prize graduate of the most intensive music-edu-cation system in the world; the Soviet Union's. He was born in Rign, the son of a distinguished conductor, Arvid Jansons His career path was probably mapped out when he was in the cradle, if not before ten years in the local music school, then on to the Leningrad Conservatory, Soon afterwards he was given dates with the great orchestra his father once conducted, the Leningrad Phil-harmonic. He is now that orchestra's associate conductor.

remains a modified cuthusiast for this rigorous system, "The highly professional young children is one of our best achievements it must continue, These children at 16 are capable of anything. Of course, I am not saying they are artists: that comes

Yet now I can look back and see that this discipline is a hule repressive of individuality: a totalitarian, dictatorial state in itself. In the West, by contrast, I think the artistic training is too easy-going. There is the feeling of you are at school, children, so what do you want to do today?" The ideal is the middle way: too much freedom for a gifted child and you produce a dilettante; too little, and the child develops personality complexes."

A conductor more free of personality complexes than Jansons would be hard to find, yet his music-making smacks of a de-tailed perfectionism. Whether that is inherent in his character, instilled by his education or induced by self-comparison with his father's achievement (he admits he can still "play back" mentally



Angles of approach: the painstaking but inspirational perfectionist, Mariss Jansons, at work

Arvid's interpretations) is difficult to say. He treats each phrase of a symphony with an expressive fluidity that reminds one of a weller separately polishing each individual jewel in a fabulous tiara. Some find the process mannered; but most sense that this detailed concern with surface is underpinned by a considerable

emotional drive. A Western observer can only speculate why, when the Leningrad Philharmonic chose its new principal conductor, it preferred the flashily charismatic Yuri Temirkanov to Jansons. There was certainly bemusement in the music business. Jansons, of course, is the model of diplomacy. But his Larvian background might easily have counted against him in Soviet musical circles.

He is not an ardent separatist, though he believes that the West was hypocritical to encourage the Baltic states' struggle for freedom until the very moment when they could be independent, and then back off ("where is the principle?"). He does, however, insist on Latvian being spoken at home, even though his wife is Russian and his daughter has lived in Leningrad all her life. Jansons himself speaks Latvian, Russian, German and English with ease.

He is not, however, a subscriber to the nationalist view of orchestral sound, and attributes the characteristic sound of Russian orchestras more to poor-quality wind instruments than to any inherited style. "Look at my Norwegians: they play with the fire of Sicilians. Every nation has temperament, just wake them up? • Mariss Jansons conducts the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican (071-638 8891) on Sunday



Page: an eccentric classicist

Deconstruction of the classics by the Royal maverick

watching an Ashley Page ballet is like assembling a jigsaw puzzle. The pieces are somehow familiar but the way Choreographer Ashley Page, whose latest work is premiered tomorrow, talks to Debra Craine

ment flow. Actually I consider it to

classical dancers with his eye on they fit together is a constant surprise. In his case, the pieces are the standard steps of the classical vocabulary yet as assembled by the Royal Ballet's maverick choreographer, any resemblance to Petipa is strictly incidental. His fourth work for Covent Garden, Bloodlines, to be premiered tomorrow night, promises another "I know that everybody thinks

rules, to create his own logic, can throw his audience - as well as his dancers — off balance, while his extremes of taste and his perceived anarchy have led to the frequent tag of "the bad boy of ballet". But to classify him as such is to do him a disservice (and deny a highly individual talent at work) for the 34-year-old dancemaker is, at heart, a classicist, albeit an

He is also one of the few

what is going on outside the mainstream. Regularly in the audience watching the work of new-wave choreographers, Page has also made several contemporary works for Rambert, and has taken chances, as with his experimental works for Dance

I'm an anarchist, but it's more a case of literally wanting to break down the harrier that seems to be there," he says, "I'm interested in expanding not only what I think is possible choreographically but also the watcher's consciousness of how you can watch dance and how you can look at something that seems to be familiar, but then make it interesting and perhaps make it look unfamiliar.

"Some people do find it a problem - what they would describe as going against a move-

be just redirecting it into another, just as logical, movement flow." His own twist on the accepted logic is characterised by fragments of recognisable movements joined sometimes delivered at exhilarating speed and often with wit and "What I hope is that one of the results of all this is that by inviting people to look at classi-cism in a slightly different way, it re-awakens their interest in the

language so that suddenly some very simple classroom step can be made into something quite fascinating in a different context. "I don't consider that I abuse classical ballet. I don't make fun of it to send it up. I think there is room for wit and there's a danger

of getting too serious about something and taking yourself too aeriously."

He came from a serious ballet background, having started les-sons at the age of four before ending up at the Royal Ballet School, and, in 1976, entering the Covent Garden company.

age might have continued along more traditional lines had he not seen a South Bank Show documentary about the work of Richard Alston. "I sat completely transfixed all the way through this. The most important thing about it for me was that it seemed to be much more to do with re-approaching classicism than anything we'd been doing in the Royal Ballet repertoire at the time. It had a very fresh kind of classical look to it and it said to me classicism is alive and well and a lot can be done with it."

His first work for the Royal Ballet, appropriately titled A Broken Set of Rules, established his credentials as a new voice. Pursuit

was a bold look at structure, while last year's Piano (set to Beethoven's First Piano Concerto) was more like a conventional ballet. For his latest one-act piece, Page is experimenting, trying to be "dramatic without being narrative, it's laboration with the designer, De the work I've been least confident about ... I'm trying to do something which I'm not sure is possible. I'm trying to make a dramatic work that doesn't really have a story, but that has a line going through it, a sequence of

Bloodlines focuses on a central figure guided by an enignatic presence "who seems to be guiding him through these encounters, but the suggestion is that he might be a figment of the central boy's imagination, that he might not really be there at all, or that he represents his fate." The ballet

events, and has characters that

represent types of people rather

also looks at the role of families in question of different ideas people have about what the family is. It seems that these people (in Bloodlines) are trying to hang on to an old order that is no longer applicable."

Page has worked in close colanna Petherbridge, and the composer Bruce Gilbert (of the rock group Wire), who has written an electronic score for tape. "I have tried to create something with a dramatic edge. Certainly the design has achieved amazing drama without being at all representative, although it has a strong sense of place. And the music is incredibly dramatic but totally abstract. I think that it is certainly going to be a very strong, visually striking, musically very striking work, but I can just hear people saying: 'But what's going on?'

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Hot-shot Scots

Today's Scottish photographers are, according to Andrew Gibbon Williams worthy heirs to a proud tradition

hree years ago an ex-hibition called The Vigorous Imagination at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art set the official seal of approval on the success of Scottish artists in the Eighties. Brutal, low-life and macabre subjects characterised much of the figurative demonstrative artists were Glaswegian, visitors could have been forgiven for coming away with the impression that Glasgow was a cross between Al Capone's Chicago and Igherwood's Berlin.

Occasionally tempering what was plainly disingenuous posturing, however, was the more palatable national penchant for debunking the ro-mantic myths of Scottish culture. Most adept and indulgent in this respect was the young photographer, Calum Colvin. He is blessed with mough flamboyant bad taste to imbue his fantasies with chic universal appeal; now hased in London, the photographer is a West End gallery hot property.

Colvin resurfaces at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, vaunted as one of the eading lights of New Scottish Photography. The fussily composed stage sets which he photographs in vibrant colour on a large scale, are as cumpingly contrived and droll as ever, before harid loch views, kilted action-man dolls clamber up ladders and plummet with bagpipes. Scotland's favourite D.C. Thomson comic character, Oor Wullie, provides ironic captions.

appear from the work of the majority of the other 16 photographers included in this sensitively curated show that graphic imagination has been functioning in a more contemplative way. Many continue to adhere to the time-hallowed and white photography, heightening the impact of an image by sharpness of focus and the judicious manipulation of Owen Logan, for example,

turally disenfranchised: Mickey Mouse roundabout, Sikh girls wearing tartan dresses sip from beakers, while seated in a front room. The images exude a poignant trust established between the photographer

equally straightforward

takes as his subjects the cul-Moroccan in traditional djel-laba gazes out from beneath a calm which depends upon the

Taylor takes an John proach but his results are ently sardonic rather than sad. Over a four-year period Taylor documented his sixter's ordinary north London home. In one picture, Michelangelo's David in mininture (the trushy Florentine tourist trophy par excellence) is seen against fake-pebble wall covering while in empty toothpaste tube and

another, a gnawed apple, buckled Coke can comprise a still life which, in crisp closeup, is as socially revealing as it The non-figurative photo-



Makle's platinum prints are the most beguiling - leaves and mosquitoes are placed with spare, oriental taste on textured, geometric liams, best known for his station of an Edinburgh girts' school has produced a series of compelling, sombre, quasi-abstract images called "Ecstasi

In spite of its billing, New Scottish Photography takes a refreshingly catholic view of what Scottish photography really is and includes several photographers who, though neither Scottish by birth nor training, have played their part in what amounts to a mini-renaissance. This was actively engendered by a group of talented, motivated individuals, foremost among them the late Murray Johnston, whose concept this present exhibition was.

Thanks to Johnston and his colleagues, Scotland today boasts three degree courses in photography, a number of galieries specialising in exhibiting it and a cultural climate in which photographers see Curiously intriguing as this graphs are no less intense.

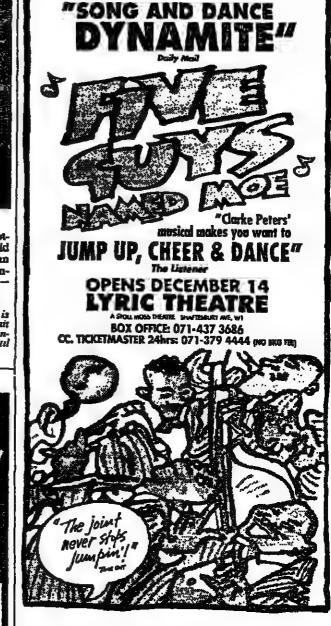


of photography in Victorian times - D.O. Hill and Adamson were Edinburgh men now has a modern sequel.

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Ponderous word-pounding

THEATRE

Death and the King's Horseman Royal Exchange, Manchester

WOLE SOYINKA wrote this play during his exile from Nigeria in the 1970s, and though soon produced in his home country, and later in Chicago, this production by Phyllida Lloyd is its British premiere. The subject is the ritual suicide of a Yoruba dignatory who dances himself to death in the marketplace, surrounded by encouraging womenfolk and a singer chanting to the rhythm of drums.

The ins and outs of what goes wrong with this particular suicide are never easy to make out through the bombardment of picturesque rhetoric. This goes on and on, drawing innumerable parallels with natural events or piling insult upon abuse, lulling and numbing the ear like the repetitive beat of music by Philip Glass, but incorporating some-where along its length a change of mood or feeling, or a clue, Language is being used like a drum beat. "There are many things we do not grasp about your people," flutes the fatuous wife of the district officer - the play is set

Culturally drifting: Robert

Lepage in Tectonic Plates

ROCK

INXS

Docklands Arena

THIS may have been a rock show,

but all the usual signs bands tend

to give out - of being hard-living,

hard-bitten, hard-core, bard rock-

ers - were conspicuously absent.

For one, with the volume fixed at

a relatively cardrum-friendly le-

vel, the six members of INXS are

At least in this country, INXS is

TELEVISION

The Late Show/

Why Lockerbie?

BBC 2/ITV

AN UNUSUALLY dire Tuesday

on all networks, but late-night

Monday viewing on BBC 2 was

suddenly enlivened by the un-

scheduled appearance of Salman

Rushdie on The Late Show. His

security arrangements clearly for-

bade trailers or Radio Times

billing, but Rushdie himself (who

recorded his interview with Mich-

sel ignatieff earlier in the after-

moon) is now eager to return to the

role of the politically engaged

writer. He is, he told Ignaueff,

trying to reclaim those bits of his

life that have been taken away

since he was first threatened 18

can certainly be said of crucial nuances in the ritual.

The exotic setting is vividly introduced when the market women pull down from the roof wide sweeps of patterned indigo cloth, while outside the auditorium their men are dancing and advancing to the drum. The person whose spirit will accompany a recently dead king on his journey to the ancestors is Elesin Oba (George Harris): joyfully be prepares for a sacrifice that will bind his community to the rythma of the world but first he demands one last hour with a

This appears to be an unexpected development of the tradition and the initial cause of what goes wrong, though Soyinka places the greater share of blame on the district officer, even more fatuous than his wife, who interrupts the dance to save Elesin's

The whites also wish to avoid upsetting the Prince of Wales, presumably the future Edward VIII, whose fleeting passage through the play is the occasion for unfavourable criticism of English customs. Puzzhngly, the events are made to occur during the second world war, in order to make further comparisons, and very poor drama these ponderous revelations make.

HEATRE (S.

Tectonic Plates

Tramway, Glasgow

ONLY the most astonishing

theatrical imagination could yolk

together drugs, Delacroix and

drowning, Chopin, castration and

the Celtic goddess Skadi; velvet

curtains and Venice; pianos, psychoanalysis and the Pere La-

chaise Cemetery; psychical re-search, Oprah Winfrey, incest,

regression, transvestism, Jun

Morrison, water, radio waves and

Tectonic Plates, the latest work

by Quebec director Robert Lepage

to reach Britain, finds the link between all these, like a Tales of

the City for the stage. This, at one

moment, is dangerously over ex-

tended while at another creates

In Tectonic Plaies, Lepage ex-

plores the metaphorical and actual

links which bind continents and

handicapped by national associ-

ation with Australia's other two

chart-topping acts. One would

have thought that if it wanted to

avoid being lumped together with

the squeaky-clean graduates of Neighbours, the band's lead singer,

Michael Hutchence, would have

taken the precaution of keeping

his acquaintance with Kylie

but notice a certain common

ground between Kylie, Jason and INXS, mostly in cuteness of

garment selection. In addition,

A 40-minute studio conversa-

tion ranged over what he had

missed in the last year, notably a

sense of history going into over-

drive in Eastern Europe where Rushdie reckons he would have

been dancing on the Bertin Wall

had circumstances permitted. He

takes, however, a cautious view of

the after-effects of freedom. Anti-

rivalry in the Soviet Union suggest

that gremlins have been released

from Pandora's Box; his view

of the future is of an Eastern

Europe largely bought by Western

that writers with political interests

are now in a double bind: if they

are bestsellers they are defined as

successful and therefore out of

touch with real people. If un-

successful, then who cares about

Only in the closing minutes of

their opinions anyway?

As for himself, he noted wryty

Semitusm in Poland and ethnic

As things stand, one cannot belp

Minogue strictly casual.

images of heart-stopping beauty.

New York.



Peter Badejo in the British premiere of Wole Soyinka's play

The great things hoped for in this play were futfilled only in the early stretches of the dancing and rhetorical exchanges, and for rather longer in the scene where Claure Benedict's leader of the women rages with queenly anger at Harris, bound with chains and

hollowed by shame. Even here, the play precisely, if paradoxically, fits the author's sharp dismissal of European drama: "An esoteric enterprise speed on by see-paying

staged in a pool of black water,

Stacks of books with luminous

spines reflected in the pool be-

come Manhattan. Two fractured

lives draw together in a smart New

York restaurant under a Delacroix

portrait of George Sand which is

can from one which should include

Chopin. Each scene is like a

carefully crafted sculpture under-

pinned by Michel Gossehn's

Plates still feels incomplete. How-

ever, even if there is nothing

At times, though, Tectoric

haunting music.

JEREMY KINGSTON

their inhabitants together in a fascinating circular parrative. Some of his themes are astonishing and invigorating, such as the supernatural ties which unite Scotland's Celtic past and Canada's present. Lepage makes these ties flesh by incorporating Scottish actors into his Théatre Repère company. As part of an inter-national cast, these actors create Scottish characters, from the past and present, who are woven into Lepage's cyclical patterns. These link their diaspora of the Clearances to a death in Venice, and the re-enactment of a pagan Celtic rite to an all-night cinema in Greenwich village. The Scottish performers also bring to the piece some welcome reductivist humour which belps to guard against a

tendency to over-solemnity. Lepage's use of theatrical images, is, as always, masterly. Two grand pianos demonstrate continental druft. A deeply disturbing evelo-analytical exploration of a father's meestuous love for his daughter is heightened by being

Hutchence gees his audience up by

doing a long, prancing workout around a run-of-the-mill set, and

ends the show wearing fewer

clothes than at the outset. Her

indoors has clearly exerted some

The songs mostly come from Kick, the album which cleaned up

in 1988, and X, the album which is

not having quite the same impact in 1990. This falling-off may have

something to do with the fact that

the later work lacks a genuinely dynamic riff, like the one in "Need

At least when performed on

his interview did Rushdie deliver

what would, in American tele-

vision terms, have been consid-

ered his newsbite. He was, he told

Ignatieff, now having discussions

with Muslim leaders in an attempt

to establish some sort of common

ground and therefore an end to his

house-arrest dilemma. Amazingly,

lenatieff did not follow through.

so we know nothing more about

how these negotiations are going

or who they are with, Instead, we

were left with an amable, be-

spectacled povelist calling for a

redrafting of the blasphemy laws:

"What I have learned," he con-cluded a little sadly, "is that everything I had ever learned was

Earlier on ITV, Why Lockerbie?

was a devastating 90-minute at-

tack on Pan American Airways, which will doubtless have its libel

lawyers in consultation for several

weeks. Granada's Anglo-Ameri-

backstage influence.

which, as yet, matches up to the invention of Lepage's Dragon Trilogy, this is a richly rewarding evening in the theatre. The culmination of the Tectonic Plates project will be in

Barreloua in 1992. But who knows what man or geology will do before then. It is not often that theatre offers the chance to watch from the cosmos as continents collide, and this one should not be

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stage, which is where INXS is said to be in its element, the likes of "Suicide Blonde" and "Lately" from X, chunter along in a mood and tempo not dessimilar from "Guns in the Sky" or "Devil Inside", from Kick. At one point, it did drop promisingly into "War", Edwin Starr's venerable Motown hit, but moved swiftly on. Towards the end of the show, "New Sensation" put into words what INXS is not equipped to provide. Fortunately for the band, a lot of people like it that way.

JASPER REES

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LI ETTA ISMS: Wards Richardon as the soled herome of American poin, strong play by gifted new writer Marterie Meyer. Royal Court, Stonie Square SWr (U7)-730 1745/254) Underground Storie Squar Non-Sax Sprin, mail Sax Apm Rutrang lume Sws Ende December 16. two years before the Lockerbie tragedy of two Decembers ago, Jan Carre in Ben Blach in Code and Jan Carre in Ben Blach in greenest consedy. Rether over the top but lots of studies. Thesere Royal Haymentet SW7 (071-88) 8800) Underground Proceedily Mon-Thurs, Spo. Fr. Ser. 8.30pm, mas Set, Spirit. Running time. Shiri 30mise. and suggested that Pan Am's much-vaunted security alert was understaffed and underfunded, and symbolically equipped with dummy rifles and untrained tracker-dogs. El HAMLET: Cheet by Jow's whiting, starting hero (Timothy Walter) is not to all tasses though the production contains

Timothy West, as the security expert caught between the Americans with timetables and the terrorists in pyjamas with Semtex, was able, in his own words, only to fart against the wind. By the time security had been

tightened up, Pan Am had stopped charging its passengers a \$5 sec-urity surcharge, and it was of-ficially declared by the United States government that what had happened at Lockerbie was "preventable". Except, of course, that it was not prevented at the time.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

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reflexing tale of psycholic evil and sexual passion Starring Alcolas Cage. Cannon Shartesbury Avenue (071-896 (861) Gate (071-727 4043).

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Jeramy Kinoston's assessment of CUTTERN THERETO IN LONDON House full, returns only

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WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 28

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tion, derived from an Edinburgh murderer executed in 1829 for securing cadavers for medical disvection before they were dead: "Those bible-thumping wompsters of the American South had for so long impunitively burked reason, housesty, and truth." (a) A bunch of stakes, perhaps from the Greek trogle a hole: "Bine-scaled snakes rolled coil on

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10.00 News, regional news and weather
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lecturer and mechanical engineer Dr Ann Dowling (r) 2.35 Country File. John Craven discovers that the great storm of 1987 which felled 15 million

Anderson talks to rock performers and

music journalists about the way woman are represented in pop and why

there are so few women of power in

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going where no person has gone before. (Ceefax)

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3.05 Primetime, Magazine for older viewers presented by David Jacobs and Shalla McLennon. Ernie Wise talks about life at 65, and there is advice about making a wit 3.45 Cartoon 3.50 Animal Album. The guest is artist David Shephard 4.05 Quack Chat Show with Ketth Hamia 4.20

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6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Arna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Wogan. Among the guests is Jack Charlton, manager of the Republic of Instanct toothall team
7.30 Trivial Pursuit. Rory McGrath hosts the quiz show based on the successful based command.

board game 8.00 The Trials of Life: Friends and Rivals. Sir David Attenborough continues his series on the continues his series on the behaviour of the animal world with a look at the organisation of social structures within animal communities. For many enimals it makes sense to live in groups, but quarrels over food, nesting places and makes are inevitable and it helps if disputes can be settled with the minimum wants of time and energy. Among examples of community spirit are sister ants working for the good of the queen, and working for the good of the queen, and monkey communities with a hierarchy which ensures that sensible ndividuals do not get ideas above their station. (Ce \$250 Points of View. Anne Robinson

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather 9.30 Sieclander Goes Forth. Another

episode from the most recent, and probably the best, Blackadder series, written by Richard Curtis and Ben Elton and set in the trenches of the first world war. News reaches General Melchett (Stephen Fry) that revolution has swept across Plus What better way of poosting morale than a concert party? And since the show is later to transfer to London, who better to stage the event than Captain Edmund Blackadder (Rowan Atkinson)? (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Raw

10.00 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is: Snooker. The latest action from the quarter-finals of the Stormseal UK Championships at the Guild Hall, Preston; European Football. Coverage of tonight's third-round Uefa cup action, first leg. The round Uefa cup action, first leg. The commentations are John Motson and Barry Davies; Motor Sport. Sportsnight talks to the winner of the Lombard RAC Rally which finished this evening in Harrogate, and looks back on the four days of grueiling competition; Under One Flag. The unification of Germany will have profound consequences in many areas of sport. Gerald Sinstadt gazes into the crystat ball.

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11.30 Film: Cujo (1983). Dog's dinner of a horror film, based on a Stephen King story, with an unhomfic and story, with an trinoffinic and decidedly cuiddly St Bernard's dog, purporting to be a savage killer after being bitten by a rebid bat. With Dee Wellace and Christopher Stone. Directed by Lewis Teegue. Northern Iraland: Blackedder Gows Forth 12.00 Close

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9.00 M*A*S*H: No Laughing Matter.

Hawkeye go a whole day without cracking a joke? Starring Alan Alda. and Mike Farrell (r)

9.25 Die Kinder: Hidden Agenda.
Episode three of the Paula Milne's watcheble thriller staming Miranda Richardson on Sidonie, a mother searching for her two young children after their abduction by their German lather. Sidonie has hired private detective Lomax (Frederic Forrest) and to avoid suspicion the couple are

CLITTON STUB.

President Honecker. He talks to playwright Nigel Williams about the crumbling of the Berlin Wall 11.56 Weather

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6.00 TV-am 9.25 Keynotes. Musical quiz hosted by Alistair Divisil 9.55 Thurnes. News and weather

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on post-nated cepression
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine
presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard
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12.05 Alisorts 12.25 Home and Away.

Australian scap 12.55 Thames News 1.00 News at One with John Suchet.

1.20 Yan Can Cook. Meater chef Martin Yan with recipes involving noodles 1.50 A Country Practice
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Australian soap set in a large city
hospital where medical matters are
overshadowed by personal dramas
3.55 Nellie the Elephant. Cartoon about a
friendly elephant 4.00 Hot Dog 4.15
Mike & Angelo. Drama serial
starring Matt Wright and Tim Whitnall
4.40 Rotir's Cartoon Club. Roll
Harris meets Oscar-winning cartoon
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5.10 Blockbustern. Quiz game for
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6.00 The Art of Landscape. Beautiful

natural images accompanied by soothing music
5.20 Business Duily
6.30 The Channel Four Daily

2.00 Pilgrimages. Author and journalist Christopher Martin, who was ordained in his forties, visits Turkey to see if the best of Christianity has been absorbed

Dest of Christian by reas been seconded into Islam. (Teletext)

2.30 Film: Rulers of the Sea (1939, b/w),
Well-made story of the struggle between steam and sail in the 19th century,

starring Douglas Fairbanks Jr as a mariner and Will Fyffe as a Scottish engineer. The love interest is provided.

nter Oprah Winfrey is joined by

women who have tried to outch their men with other women, and a private

winning sitcom which looks at life in the

"Swinging Sixties" through the eyes of 13-year-old Kevin Amold (Fred

Savage) (r) 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross, Tonight's guests are former footballers

George Best and Denis Law and

Liberal party politician. Followed by

entertainer Anthony Newley 7,00 Channel 4 Nova with Jon Snow and

Zeinab Badawi 7.50 Perty Political Comment from a

by Margaret Lockwood, Directed by Frank Lloyd 4.15 The White Mouse, Cartoon

4.30 Fiftsen-to-One 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show, Extrovert

men with other women, and a privace investigator who gives advice on how to catch a cheating partner.

5.50 Colour Box/Train of Thought.
Analysis of two films as part of Four-Mations U.K.

6.00 The Wonder Years. Emmy Award-

12.00 The Parliament Programme

12.30 Business Daily 1.00 Seems Street

6.00 Home and Away (r) 6.30 Themes News and weather

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The

7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel

opens his big red book and catches another celebrity on the hop

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With guests Kenny Rogers, Kim

Appleby, impressionist Mike Doyle and footbeller Gary Lineker

Charitable works: Su-Lin Looi (9.00pm) 9.00 Medics. There are not enough hours in the day for medical student Annie, who is trying to fit her studies around her activities for Charity Week at the hospital. Starring Su-Lin Looi 10.00 News at Tan with Alestar Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather 10.30 Tharms News and weather 10.40 Aids Update 90. Sinead O'Connor looks at the difficulties facing women.

looks at the difficulties facing women and children with the Aids virus and asks what can be done to help them

10.50 Midweek Sport Special. Nick Owen presents the best of the action from tonight's matches in the fourth round of the Rumbelows league cup. The draw for the titth round takes place live in

the sludio 11.50 in the Heat of the Night: Sister. Sister. The first of a new senes of the drama about the altiance between a black policeman and his white counterpart in the American Deep South The true relationship between two sisters comes to light when Virgil and Gillespie investigate a murder case. Starring Carrell O'Connor and Howard Rollins

12.40am Film; Night of Terror (1972). Runof the mill television drama about an artist (Donna Mills) who witnesses a murder and is stalked by the killer (Chuck Connors). With Martin Balsam. Directed by Jeannot Szwarc 2.00 World of Chess, Raymond Keene, chess correspondent of *The Times*, presents an assessment of the latest news from the world championship and the Chass Olympiad. Followed by

News neadlines 2.15 Videofashion. A look at the latest in

men's fashion 2.40 America's Top Ten 3.10 Quiz Night. Pub and club quiz 3.40 Three's Company. American sitcom 4.10 Just Champion. Profiles of European javelin champion Steve Backley and

windsurfer Penny Way

4,40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Newsreel clips
from November 1940 take us back for a
look at life in Britain during the early

days of the second world war 5,00 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe: Ends at 6,00

applies her usual gloss to viewers' comments on television programmes CHANNEL 4

BBC 2 6.45 DEF il: Dance Energy Update Music, the video vote and CJ of the week. Followed by Autobiography of the USA. An animated view of American history 6.55 Rough Gulde 8.15 Westminster. A round-up of parliamentary business from both Houses Animakan rissary 6.55 Hough Gulony
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MacRae check out green careers —
from organic ferming to garden design
7.35 Rapido. Antoine de Caunes 9.00 Daytime on Two begins with France

rattles off another quick-fire rock music 8.05 Prisoners of Conscience, Actn Janet Suzman highlights the plight of people jailed for their beliefs



Freedom-fighter: He Chi Minb (8.10cm)

8.10 Timewatch: One of the Reasons Why.

CHOICE: Charles Wheeler narrates an lucid and absorbing place of diplomatic history which shows how events in French Indo-Chine during and just after the second world war formed an ironic prelude to the later conflict over Vietnam. In particular, it explores the little remembered British involvement and suggests that by trying to shore up French colonialism the Atties government may have contributed to the later tragedy. The superiess occupation of Indo-Crima United States on opposing sides.

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The Americans wanted the Vietnamene to govern themselves and backed the independence movement led by Ho Chi Minh. The British, supported by, of all people, the troops of the recent Japanese enemy, peved the way for France to regain control. Television history is usually stronger on images

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posing as men and wife, a situation not to Sidonie's fiking. (Ceefax) 10.25 Fifth Column. A personal view of a

10.30 Newsnight. Analysis of the day's events with Jeremy Paumen.

11.15 The Late Show. East German singer and extinist Wolf Biermann was extend in 1977 for his vitriolic attacks on

12.00 Prisoners of Conscience, Jenet Suzmen with the second of tonight's

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext)

CHOICE: As Mire Thatcher's premiership comes to its end Dispatches presents a profile of her controversial press secretary, Bernard Ingham, who is perhaps heading for a peerage or a knighthood. In public ingham was easily recognisable as the burly figure who was always at her aide but condemned to take a non-speaking part. Behind the scenes he played an essential role in promoting the Thatchente creed and feeding lobby journalists with tit-bits that would husten the downfull of Cabinet colleagues who had fallen out of favour. Some say that no Downing Street press spokesman had wielded such power. The programme is presented by Ingham's biographer, the Sunday Times columnist Robert filems, and including contributions from Lord Whitelaw and John Biffen, the press secretaries of Harold Wilson and Edward Heath and political journalists who have had the ingham



Odd man out: Jean-Michel Besquiet (9.15pm)

 9.15 Without Walls: Shooting Star.
 CHOICE: A profile of the American painter Jean-Michel Biasquiet emphasises the mythic dimensions of a life destroyed by heroin addiction at the age of 28. Geoff Dunlop's film

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offers a threefold analysis, placing Basquiat in the tradition of suffering artists who have destroyed themselv excesses of tame and of black artists destroyed by racism Friends of Basquiat, filmed in black and white as if to distance them from footage of the subject and his work, provide plausible evidence for all three versions. He did find celebrity difficult to handle and suffered by being an odd man out in an art world dominated by whites. The film is less sure in trying to assess Basquiat's ent, content to rely on critics who labelled him an exotic and a primitive and to record his current place in the market, where a single canvas can fetch half a million dolla 10.15 Lip Synch - Next, Another film from

the Four-Mations UK stable 10.20 Sticky Moments on Tour with Julian Clary. More opportunities for ordinary people to lose every shred

of dignity
11.00 Sex Talk: Do Women Want Love
and Men Want Sex? Eight guests, aged mainly between 18 and 30, discuss sax with presenter Mark Chase 11.55 She-Play: Bathing Elizabeth, Last in a series of short plays by women writers. Two sisters (Nerys Hughes and Kate Gartside) have moved from rural Wales to live in a tower block in London and now have to face the fact that one of them is dying. Written by Marty Cruikshank.

12.10am Sid Caesar's Show of Shows (b/w). Archive comedy from American

12.35 Tempting Fats. Animation 12.45 Rock Steady After Midnight Specials. Fleetwood Mec talk about 1.30 Mole Hill Films. Two more

enimistions from the Four-Mations UK 1.45 Impro-Visions 2. Stuart Gordon on violin with video artist Brian Johnson.

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8.30 News
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soprano): Symphony No 1
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7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear with Robert Hewison
7.30 Rechmannov (The Rock, Op
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totalitarian state? Crvil rights lawyer Conor Gearly begins his examination in Prague, at the trial of Miroslav Stepan, the former head of the secret police. He talks to members of the Czech government and to victims and their femilies 9.40 Music in Our Time: Justin Connolly and Michael Finnissy at the ISCM Festival in Oalo. Brenton Broadstock (... And No Birds Sing: Cikada under Christian Eggen); lannis Xenskis (Épicycles, Borealis under Eggen, with Frances-Marie Uriti, callo); Francis Dhormont (Météores for tape); Dean Drummond (Incredible

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1.00pm News
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7.55, 8.57 Weather 6.30 Counterpoint: General knowledge music quiz chiered by Ned Sherin (a) (f) 7.00 News 7.06 The Archers 7.20 Age to Age: Berry Cunliffe investigates the history of the pessport (r) 7.45 Medicine Now with Geoff Watts (r) 7.55, 8.57 Weether

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11.00 Nave; File on 4
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12.00 News; You and Yours with John Waite 12.25pm Magic Moments: Part 4: Pizza to Gol Nigel Fountain contemporary life. This week, he looks at the popularity of setting out (r) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One with James hardten. Naughte 1,40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping

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3.00 News; The Adventures of Shericok Hohmes: The Boscombe Valley Mystery. The fourth of 12 short stotles by Sir Arthur Conen Doyle. With Cive Merison as Shericok Hohmes and Michael Williams as Dr John Williams and Michael Rosen when the books for children

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Sykes has profiled the 12
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Blow for Benn as Iraq turns **Britons** into human shields

TONY BENN'S mission to Iraq received a setback last night when 62 British hostages he had hoped to free were taken to strategic sites to become human shields. They had been moved from strategic sites in Kuwait to an hotel in Baghdad after the Labour MP for Chesterfield began his visit to

Harold Walker, British ambassador in Baghdad, said: "These people had been given to understand ... that they were on their way to being released or would be allowed to go home between now and Christmas." Mr Benn said he would take it up with the Iraqi leadership but did not directly condemn it. In a hint that conflict

Fishermen threaten blockade

By KERRY GILL

THE possibility of a blockade of the Royal Navy's submarine base on the Gare Loch grew last night after the government rejected a suspension of underwater submarine operations following the sinking of the Scottish trawler Antares by HMS Trenchant with the loss of four lives last week.

According to Scottish oppo-sition MPs who met Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, yesterday the only concession made was a promise to accelerate testing of a new transponder device which would warn submarines of the proximity of fishing vessels. The meeting, in London, ended angrily when Mr Hamilton said the collision between the hunter-killer submarine and the trawler's nets had been a freak accident. George Foulkes, Labour MP for

Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, asked, with four other MPs, for a suspension of underwater operations at least until the Defence Ministry could give local fishermen a guarantee that safety measures would be introduced. Mr Foulkes said: "He described it as a freak, one-off accident. It was an appallingly insensitive reply. We pleaded with him and demanded him to stop underwater operations. He refused in spite of

Of the threat by Fishermen's Association to block ade the submarine base at Faslane, Mr Foulkes said: "I would not blame the fishermen if they took the law into their own hands. I am astounded by his (Mr Hamilton's) complacency. We will continue to try and intensify pressure on the

may be imminent, the foreign office warned Britons living in three Gulf countries yesterday not to bring their children out to join them for Christmas. Its advice followed queries from some of the 15,000 Britons living in Bahrain, Qatar and the eastern region of

One of the West's reasons for supporting the use of force was weakened yesterday when inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna said it had found no evidence that Iraq was diverting nuclear material from its civilian research programme. The statement followed a visit to Iraq and was issued at Baghdad's request. President Bush said last week that President Saddam Hussein was coming closer with "every day that passes... to realising his goal of a nuclear weapons arsenal".

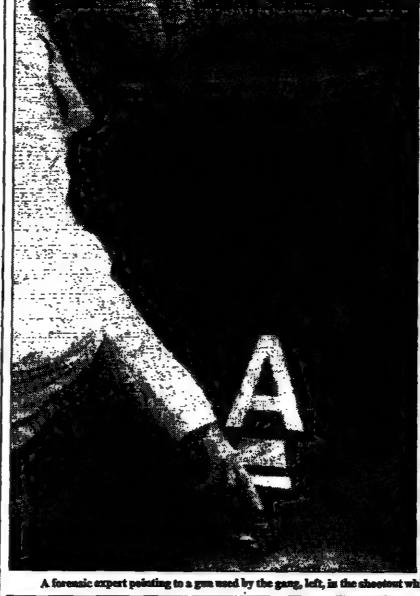
Yemen said yesterday that it would not support a United Nations Security Council resolution proposed by Washington implicitly authorising the use of force. Yemen is the only Arab member of the council, but does not have a veto. Its decision was expected and does not make it less likely that the resolution will pass when foreign ministers meet in New York tomorrow to discuss it.

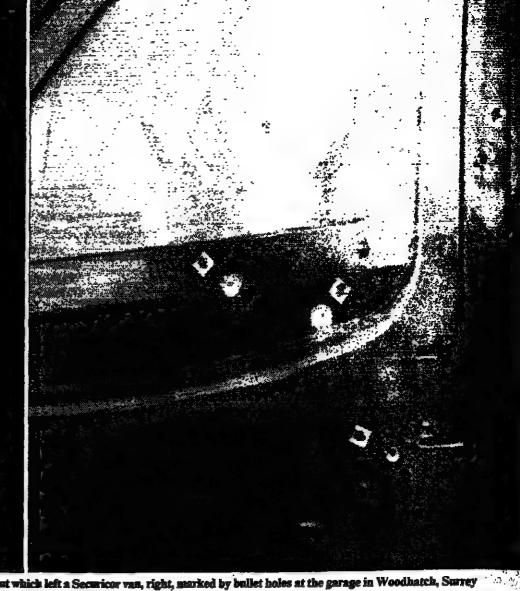
A Chinese diplomat said Peking was "very unhappy" about the proposed text, but it was not expected to veto it. Moscow's support remained clear. President Gorbachev told reporters that Iraq had no choice but to withdraw from Kuwait and could not evade action undertaken by the world community. He said he made this clear in acrimonious talks with Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, on Monday. However, General Vladimir Lobov, chief of staff of the Warsaw Pact, gave a different view, "The use of armed force should be ... an absolute extreme (measure) which one would envisage ... only in ex-treme situations", he said in London, where he was attending a meeting of the North Atlantic Assembly.

Four non-aligned nations on the council plan to present a faceformula next week to enable Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait within the deadline of January 1 or 15 which the resolution is expected to set. The plan would call for an unconditional Iraqi pullout, to be followed by a withdrawal of foreign troops in the Gulf and simultaneous demilitarisation of the area.

An announcement on links between Britain and Syria is believed to be imminent. If, as expected, diplomatic relations are renewed, an important rift within the multi-national forces facing Iraq will have been healed.

Fahd attack, page 15







Sunday Correspondent folds

THE Sunday Correspondent, which styled itself Britain's first up-market tabloid, folded last night. The chief executive, Nick Shott, called staff together shortly before 6.00 and told them the company had failed to find the necessary funding for a merger with the Today newspaper.

given an hour to clear their desks. Mr Shott said sufficient funds were available to meet redundancy payments. However, a senior reporter, Ian Katz, expressed concern over outstanding ex-penses claims. " Several of us are owed over £2,000," he said.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Bayers

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a. An eastern bishop's allb. A parry at fencing

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A Victorian or corner,
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a. A bunch of smaker b. To transplant c. A cave-dweller

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TROGLE

still seemed likely that a liferaft could be found for the Correspondent, which had been losing readers since its relaunch as a tabloid in the early autumn. The merger with Today was said to be "still under serious consideration". The plan would have created a seven-day-a-week news-

stake in the merged titles. News International, which owns Today, had drafted a business plan with Correspondent directors aimed at break-even within five years. News International's general manager, John Dux, said last night the plan had

fallen through because the Correspondent had been unable to find the cash backing needed.

The relaunch, which, saw the Correspondent transformed from broadsheet to tabloid last September, failed to take the paper's circulation to the critical 300,000

The former deputy editor of The Times, John Bryant, took over the relaunch, replacing the paper's first editor, Peter Cole. Circulation had dipped to 130,000. Initial enthusiasm for the quality tabloid more than doubled sales. But such growth could not be sustained.

Much of Britain will be

Media, pages 22, 23

Gunman killed by police as they foil robbery

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A SUSPECTED armed robber was killed and a second man wounded yesterday when Scotland Yard marksmen and Flying Squad officers ambushed a gang as they tried to hijack a security van with £2

million in a Surrey village.

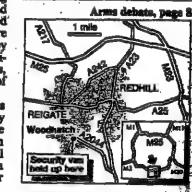
The police operation follows investigations by detectives into a series of armed robberies in the past year in Surrey and Kent which have netted hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Superintendent Pat Crossan, of Surrey police, was appointed by the Police Complaints Authority to carry out an inquiry into the shooting. He said: "It is a tragedy that there has been a loss of life. The security vehicle was making deliveries when it was stopped and attacked by a four-man armed gang. The gunman opened fire after they were challenged by armed police. The police retali-ated... Neither the police officers, the security staff or members of the public were injured."

Last night the dead man was unofficially named as Kenny Baker from south London. The wounded man, also from south London, is being held in hospital and was described as being in a stable condition after surgery for

two wounds. His brother is one of two men held by police at the scene, at Woodhatch near Reignic The ambush took place in before 10 am, when a Securi van with a crew of three parked in garage forecourt and two of the three got out.

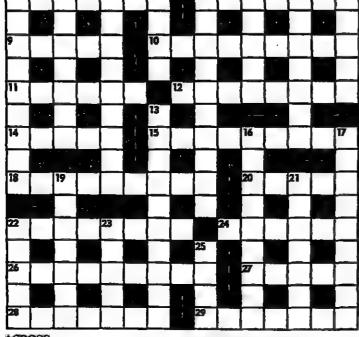
The gang were hiding in an open-backed truck, armed with handguns and a shotgun. Members of Scotland Yard's PT17 firearms unit were hidden nearby. Two of the gang rushed to the vanand police believe they were going to hold the crew hostage, The other two tried to escape. Whele challenged they are said to have



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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,463



- 1 Sauce-boat at University? (7).
- 5 Fan's expression of opinion when dumped in river (7).

 9 Down-and-out's cunning rebuffed by politician (5).
- 10 Minor Warrant Officer hitherto unsurpassed (5-4). 11 Rub out four different notes (6). 12 Academic has work-rooms outside the University (8).
- 14 Man is too big to be described as onc (5). 15 Loathsome as peasants were in 1381 (9).
- 18 Aperture intended, say, for a 20 Marijuana? Tell the cops (5).
- 22 He half follows this map perhaps, being at sea (8). 24 The Turkish capital once pro-
- duced cloth (6). 26 Financially secure appointment in violin-making? (5-4).

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- 29 Fabulous creature makes some angry phone calls (7).

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- 3 Game to dance and drink (9). 4 Get through a critical situation 5 Device at TA manocuvres to render harmless (10).
- 6 Legitimate to support state with capital cover (5). 7 Blunder over oil pollution in Libya (7). 8 In French art, the priest is for
- the stake (5). 13 Devilish hopes, to rid Henry II of one of its members! (10).
- 16 Remarkable motto written above some lines (9). 17 Development of joke relating to a continent, say (9). 19 Popular leader endlessly attempted to import food (7).
- 21 Do away with a vessel out west his, possibly (7). 22 Plant in South Africa is beginning to languish (5).
- 23 Ancient country's channels of information (5), 25 The way silver attracts a specu-lator (4).

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WEATHER

bright with sunny spells. However, cloud and some light rain in north-east England will spread to affect southern counties, with the rain mainly in eastern coastal areas. Wales, Northern Ireland and the rest of England will have patchy cloud and sunny intervals. Scotland will be mostly dry, but the east will be cloudy, perhaps with showers. Outlook: mainly dry with sunay spells.

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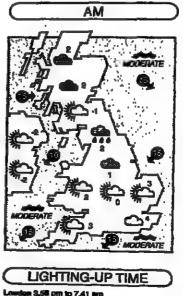
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Brent Walker now has to

find the missing £20 million, or at least a minimum of £16

million, by midnight on Friday or find itself in default of its recently renegotiated financing arrangements with its banks.

Allied up 10%

Half-time profits at Allied-Lyons rose 10 per cent to £286 million, boosted by first-time

contributions from James Burrough, the Becfeater gin group and Dunkin' Donuts, the American fast-food chain,

Earnings per share rose 3.6 per cent to 22.8p. The interim dividend rises 11 per cent to

Property quote

German City Estates, a £65 million Dutch property company managed by the former London & Edinburgh Trust, will be quoted on the parallel market of the Amsterdam stock exchange from Friday as

a way for British and other

forcign investors to buy into

the German property market.

The company was started in

June via a placing among City and continental institutions.

Pre-tax profits at Northern

Foods increased by 18 per cent

to £47.4 million in the six months to end-September.

per cent to 6p.
Tempus, page 31 The dividend is raised by 14

Argyll, the supermarket group that owns Safeway, made pre-

tax profits of £143 million in

the six months to October 13.

an increase of 28 per cent. The

dividend is up 16 per cent at

2.85p. . Tempus, page 31

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Executive Editor David Brewerton

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28 1990

Walker ICI chairman produces £27m for pessimistic bond issue GEORGE Walker, chairman of the Brent Walker leisure and property group, has produced the £27 million he owes under the company's £103 million rescue convertible bonds issue about recovery

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

the deadline yesterday.

One of the five other placees will not occur in Britain for the next two to three years, Sir Denys Henderson, chairman of ICI,

forecast yesterday.
Sir Denys's prediction is considerably gloomier than most of the current economic forecasts. Such a view from one of Britain's most prominent industrial practitioners is likely to carry considerable weight in estimating how long the economic downturn will last, and how deep it will cut.

ICI is seen as one of the beliwher industrial com-panies, and such a gloomy view of the economy from its chairman may well have a considerable impact on expec-tations about the recession after a series of pessimistic survey findings and forecasts from such bodies as the CBI.

Speaking in London, to a conference of the Society of Business Economists, Sir Denys said there was "no doubt" that the United Kingdom, in common with America, Australia and Canada, had been in

terest rates or recovery. He was sceptical, too, about the forecasts for the economy put forward by John Major,

the Chancellor and next prime minister, in the government's government's performance in predicting economic trends; The Treasury track record in recent forecasts has been distinctly patchy as regards GDP growth and inflation, and it is perhaps not surprising that those of us with responsibility for planning our forward busi-ness activities view economic forecasts with not a little in the next two to three years."

His own prediction was that the current downturn would last for 12 to 18 months, with "little likelihood of a pick-up until the second half of 1991 at the earliest". This is a gloomier estimate than this week's forecast by the CBI, for instance, that saw improvements in the economy as likely to be well under way by



Gloomy forecast: Sir Denys Henderson of ICI

Divided Czechs may make a decision on Skoda this week

From Wolfgang Munchau in prague

A DECISION on the future of Pilkington and Saint Gobain. Skoda, the Czech car manufacturer, is expected this week according to Jan Vrbs. the Czech industry minister. There is said to be a split between the Czech state and governments over whether the company should be sold to Volkeswagen or Resumit

Skoda's management and the Czech state government are still understood to favour Volkeswagen, although last week Renault raised its offer to Fr13 billion. The federal government now appears more inclined to accept the French offer.

Meanwhile, Mr Vrba an-nounced Czechoslovakia's 23623.51 (-139.35) Closing Prices ... Page 36 first privatisation deal, the INTEREST RATES sale of Skio Union, the comtry's largest glass manufac-turer, to Glaverbel of Belgium, Europe's third largest glass maker. An agreement was London: Bank Base: 14% 3-month Intertantal 13° to-1312% 3-month eligible bills: 12°32-12%% US: Prime Rate 10% Federal Funds 7"11s%" 3-month Treasury Bills 7.01-7.00%° 30-year bonds 103°52-103%" signed yesterday under which Glaverbel will take an initial 40 per cent stake, which will rise eventually to 65 percent. CURRENCIES

No financial details were given but the deal is believed to be worth about \$200 million, to be reinvested in the company. Glaverbel has undertaken to invest a substantially greater amount over the next three years.

Glaverbel has secured the deal against offers from its two

The Czechs hope the deal will bein Sklo Union to market flat glass, its principle product, throughout the Enropean Community. In return, Glaverbel hopes to get access to the East European market; where Sklo Union is regarded as the leading manufacturer in its field.

One of its main customers is Skoda, for which it produces

Sklo Union is based in Teplice, a city in northern Bohemia close to the German border. The company employs a staff of about 9,000 but it is expected that about one third will lose their jobs as a

result of the deal. The deal has taken just three months to assemble, a considerable achievement in a country where the decision making processes are far from clear. Mr Vrba, referring to the is a typical case. There is one signature from the Belgium side, and three from

The Czech authorities hope that a successful completion of this deal will set in motion a wave of privatisation agree ments to be completed in this

However, the majority of Czech companies are still likely to be sold directly to the principal European rivals, people by means of vouchers.

Czechoslovakia."

GOOD economic growth recession for some time, the second half of next year, will not occur in Britain. There was little evidence of Sir Denys said that a "really any soft landing falling in- solid" economy recovery required business confidence to be restored. For that to hap-pen, the Kuwait affair had to be settled, oil prices needed to \$20 a barrel or less, interest rates had to fall internationautumn statement, and was rates had to fall internation-particularly scathing about the ally and there had to be clear evidence that the "massive" global debt burden was being satisfactorily managed. While he was generally optimistic about the Nineties. he thought that improvements would come later in the decade rather than earlier. "I judge that good growth will occur later in the Nineties, not

> He said that this time, unlike in the Eighties, growth had to be based on "solid industrial substance—not the shadow or 'fluff' of the second half of the Eighties, which has so swiftly evaporated in the current harsher economic

While the events of the past week had been "hugely excit-ing" politically, they did nothing to improve stability.
Sir Denys paid tribute to
Margaret Thatcher, and said

her "magnificent achieve-ment" had now to be built on constructively if the mo-mentum she created was to be

For at least two-thirds of his own career, he said, he had had to be apologetic to overindustrial shortcomings. But under Mrs Thatcher, it was all very different, with international business customers everywhere welcoming the reemergence of Britain as a political and economic world

Margaret Thatcher.

to defend the pound and grind

Having expressed the con-

viction that any fixed rate for

sterling was the "wrong rate",

Sir Alan later suggested that

an ERM central rate of

DM2.60 would be more

appropriate. Britain ininer

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Addressing a London con-

ference, "Investing in North

America in the 1990s", Sir

Alan said the recession in

Britain and abroad would

probably last about 18

months. As inflation had been

more benign than in the run-

up to previous downturns, the

recession would not be as bad

as that experienced in the

Another difference would

be that real interest rates

would remain "pretty high",

Sir Alan forecast. In America,

he expected Fed Funds to ease

more than half a point to 7 per

cent, but said Britain's free-

dom for monetary manoeuvre

would be limited.
British interest rates would

would be "jigged about" by the Bundesbank. "We'll have

to dance to Karl Otto Pohl's

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Sir Alan, whose anti-ERM

advice to Mrs Thatcher

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the economy to a halt.

Rosehaugh reveals heavy loss

By MATTHEW BOND

ROSEHAUGH, one of Britain's leading property devel-opers, has revealed pre-tax losses of £165 million for the vear to end-June.

News of the massive loss comes just nine months after shareholders stumped up £125 million via a rights issue to ensure the company's survival. The shares dropped 7p to 101p, 99p less than the deeply discounted rights issue

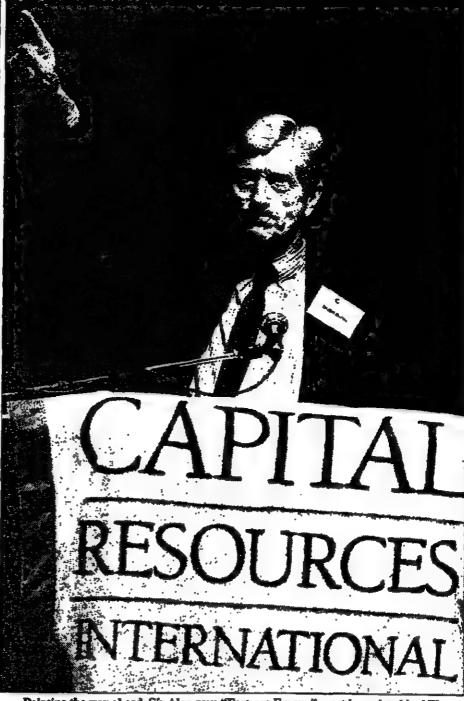
Roschaugh's losses, which compare with a £36 million profit in 1989, follow exceptional items of £137 million This includes a £99 million writedown in the value of its trading properties.

The company's interest charge rose from £4.2 million to £34.1 million, with £6 million added to the cost of projects under construction. Net borrowing has fallen from £410 million to £350 million. Rosehaugh is best known as

the joint developer of Broadgate, the 4 million sq ft office complex built round London's Liverpool Street station. The sale of phase 4 of Broadgate, currently being marketed by Goldman Sachs with a price tag of about £200 million, is expected this year. Net assets were marginally

ower at £475 million. Net assets per share fell from 477p a share to 373p.

hato the red, page 31 prompted the resignation of



Walters says ERM will deepen UK recession

By COLIN NARBROUGH, BOONOMICS CORRESPONDENT BRITAIN faces a deeper recession than the rest of the world because it chose to tie its hands on exchange rates, according to Sir Alan Walters, former economic adviser to Mercellor, said ERM entry ness to be European the battle was one of the small steps (for a single marker). The only question mark was an owould succeed Mr Major and Monetary Union that stage," he said He predicted that Europe would become a whose favourite for the pos-

Jacques Delors, the presi-A long-standing and outdent of the European Comspoken opponent of British entry to the European Monetary System, Sir Alan, an EMU plan, and monetary economics professor, says he union now had "enormous expects the government to seek a realignment of the impetus". Despite the considerable strains it would exert, pound within the exchange-Sir Alan saw a "fair chance" of rate mechanism of the EMS rather than raise interest rates

achieving EMU. However, the chances truly common market were, he said, diminished by the Gan round. removal of Mrs Thatcher, a "champion of free trade".

much more corporatist entity in which big company names mission, had "set his traps and closely integrated banks very well" when drafting his would dominate "With the lack of Thatcher bectoring. they will easily relax into the Fortress Europe.

EC resistance to large cuts in agricultural subsidies was an example of how an inwardlooking Europe threatened the Europe moving towards a world trading system by barring progress at the current

Gatt "crisis", page 33 | ERM range."

Vote for Major gives pound a boost

By OUR CITY STAFF STERLING strengthened on the foreign exchange markets after John Major, the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer, was assured of becoming Britain's

next prime minister.

Michael Heseltine and Douglas Hurd conceded the Conservative leadership race to Mr Major, who failed by two votes to score an outright win in the second ballot last

night.
The news that there will not be a third ballot tomorrow and that Mr Major will become prime minister removes the uncertainty that had been hanging over the City and sterling. Within minutes of the announcement, the pound climbed 15 points to stand a cent higher against the dollar at \$1.98 in New York.

One foreign exchange dealer said: This ought to be very positive for the pound. It is always helpful to have someone who knows something about the economy running a country."

The news was welcomed by market watchers as the best possible result and likely to boost share prices. Alastair Ross Goobey, chief investment strategist at James Capel, said: "He (Mr Major) is more of a unity candidate than Heseltine would have been. The market will like the certainty,

Capel is looking for a swift cut in base rates, possibly as early as this week.

John Reynolds, a market strategist at County NatWest, said the election result had four favourable implications for equities: it removed uncertainty, put in place a prime minister with a proven record on the economy, signalled a commitment to the government's current economic poli-

1200 IS Norman Lamont, said Whoever does succeed him is going to have to carry on under his direction. From the equities point of view, I think we can look forward to further gauns in the next few weeks." Mark Brett, currency analyst at Barclays de Zoete

Wedd, said: "Instant cuts in interest rates are unlikely, as is a devaluation. If the Cabinet are to be good Europeans, they will not cut interest rates with sterling near the bottom of its

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co-op old guard faces change

By Ross Tieman

FAR-REACHING changes to the constitution of Co-operative Retail Services are in prospect after the chief registrar of friendly societies said the company "does not appear to measure up to the published criteria of a bona fide Co-op".

At the heart of the registrar's objection is the special relationship between Cooperative Retail Services, whose sales exceed £1.2 billion a year, and its former parent, the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

The problem was triggered by a letter from Michael Bridgeman, the registrar, to Brian Hellowell, the chairman of Co-operative Retail Services. It was written after the breakdown of talks aimed at a merger between the two groups this year.

Mr Bridgeman objected to arrangements under which the CWS has half the seats on the CRS board, although its financial stake is only 11 per cent. The CRS's rules, he said, did not "seem

consistent with the CRS being run in the best interests of the generality of the membership of the CRS, that is the retail силоте метрел

They seem designed to ensure that it is run in the best interests of the CWS." Mr Hellowell and his board are drawing up proposals that are expected to cut the CWS representation on the CRS board to two or three seats and cut its voting strength at annual meetings in line with its financial interest.

The review will shift control of CRS into the hands of its customer members, who are the principal owners.

The registrar had apparently expected the merger of CRS with CWS to provide a chance to reform its constitution, and decided to press for changes when it collapsed. Now he has demanded that new rules be drawn up by the end of the year, in time to be adopted in 1991.

Reform seems sure to revive calls for a merger between the two organisations, which would create an integrated food company with interests ranging from

£4 billion. But it would not be easy. Talks have foundered twice in the past decade. Moreover, the CWS is owned largely by the 80 member societies of the cooperative movement. Finding an equitable ownership structure poses

CRS, which has 24,000 employees and made a profit of £32 million last year, is Europe's largest co-operative retail society. The board structure is a legacy from the foundation of the CRS 56 years ago, by the CWS, as a vehicle to open cooperative stores in areas of Britain that It was later used to rescue local co-

operative retailers that ran into financial difficulties, and is regarded within the co-op movement as impressively efficient. The CWS stake has become diluted as stores have recruited individnal members. The relationship with CWS has become blurred. In some areas CWS acts as a supplier, in others the two organisations compete as retailers.

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Guinness | buys stake in Asbach

By Graham Searjeant

GUINNESS has taken another step to strengthen its continental spirits business by buying a 67.5 per cent stake in Asbach, the private German company that sells Asbach Uralt, the leading premium German brandy.

Tony Greener, managing director of United Distillers, the spirits division of Guinsaid: "Asbach will significantly strengthen United Distillers' position and broaden its premium branded portfolio in the important German market.'

Guinness has not disclosed the purchase price, which it says is not material.

In the year to end December 1989, Asbach's turnover, which includes sales of the Fürst Bismarck Doppelkorn, a grain spirit, was £160 million and net assets were £34

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But Peter Usher, the chair-

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rose by 30 per cent to £63.2

million. Vosper has a £400

million-£500 million order

book that is firmly under-

pinned by the construction of

five Sandown class mine-

hunters for the Royal Navy

and six similar ships for Saudi

Arabia. Events in the Gulf to 216p.

Sales during the first half

overseas orders in return.

fast patrol boats is firm.

CBI accuses EC of failure to consult over 1992

THE Confederation of British It is people who trade across Industry has accused the European Community of inadequate consultation with business over market unification proposals.

Sir Brian Corby, the president of the CBI, also gave warning yesterday that the failure of other member states to implement Community legislation threatened to put British business, in particular, at a serious competitive disadvantage.

The charges accompanied the launch of the CBI's Agenda Europe, described by John Banham, the director The Guinness move is the general of the confederation, Mr Banham said: "The

Vosper also undertook to

build its first yacht hull for

many years. A new design of

Vosper patrol craft has been

adopted by the American

navy. Although the vessels

will be built under licence,

prospects for sales of British-

improved.

built craft are much

Efforts to find civil markets

were rewarded by orders for

blast containment modules,

built from special reinforced

plastic, to be used in the North

Sea rig safety programme. However, 187 workers were

shed by Vosper three months

ago, cutting the workforce to

1,900 and leading to a £1.5 million exceptional charge for

redundancies. The company

The half-year dividend is

increased by 12 per cent to

3.5p. Vosper shares added 9p

has £33 million of net cash.

osper prospers

in spite of cuts

VOSPER Thornycroft con- raise the possibility of further

tinued to evade most of the orders from the region.

fallout from European defence During the first six months.

He insisted, however, that the CBI had no quarrel with the government over European policy. Sir Brian said that with less

frontiers who build relation-

than two years to go until the birth of the single European market, only two-thirds of the programme had yet been agreed. He added that it was vital for the Community to accept the principal of subsidiarity, under which decisions were taken at the lowest possible level.

Creation of a single currency was a far less urgent priority. None the less, the CBI remains committed to currency unification.

Mr Banham said: "I think our members would be disappointed if something akin to a single currency was not in place by the end of the

century."

While a highly competitive market was the best way to avoid protectionist measures, in many states, action was falling short of European rbetoric, said Mr Banham.

Britain, he added, was second only to Denmark in the number of single market measures implemented. All but 18 of 107 necessary European measures had been enacted, Italy, the worst offender, still had 62 to implement.

Among other measures quested by the CBI are: A reduction in business taxes and the cost of compliance. Co-ordinated policies to

tackle global warming. Clear guidelines on merger policy and speedy resolution

of any conflicts. Open markets for public A realignment of Britain's

maximum lorry weight limit of 38 tonnes, with a universal limit of 44 or 45 tonnes enacted throughout the community by the late Nineties. A more active role for business in deciding technical standards related to health, safety, security and environ-mental aspects.

ful mood amid growing hopes of an early cut in bank base rates, possibly within the next

Share prices spent a con-

fident day, encouraged by

selective support in a thin

market. Most market-makers

were anxious to maintain their

positions before the Conser-

vatives' leadership vote, but

that did not stop a few

investors who were convinced

that the equity market has now started to bottom out.

A bout of nervousness,

stemming from a sharp drop

in the FT-SE 100 index

December futures position,

was eventually overcome, al-

though gains were almost halved. The index finished 7.6

higher at 2,159.5, having been

shares added only 1.1 at

1,699.7 with less than 400

million shares traded. Gov-

ernment securities shadowed a weaker pound, ending with

losses of £14 at the longer end.

Renters rose 6p to 649p despite learning that The News Corporation, the parent

company of News Inter-national, the owner of The

Times, had sold 11 million shares, reducing its holding to 8 million shares, or 1.87 per

Full-year figures from Rosehaugh, the commercial property developer, made grim reading with the group

reporting a pre-tax loss of

£165.4 million compared with

Rosehaugh has been operat-

ing under the weight of debts

estimated at more than £350 million and this, combined

with the collapse in property values, has had a big impact on the group's fortunes. The

group has been looking for a buyer for its jointly-owned Phase Four development at

Broadgate in the City of

There is no final dividend

and the shares slipped lp to 107p. Godfrey Bradman, the chairman, said that the board

had acted decisively on a

number of fronts to secure the

group's long-term future in

response to a big deterioration

in market conditions. Stan-

hope, which has a joint ven-

ture with Rosehaugh, slipped

Frogmore Estates finished just 2p firmer at 320p after the

London.

week or two.



Three electricity firms 'face merger'

By MARTIN WALLER

city distributors in England and Wales are likely to be swallowed up over the next five years by aggressive mergers, according to an American management consultant with 17 years' experience in public utilities who is now advising on the self-off of the British ower industry.

Mike Hope, European utilities director at Andersen Consulting, also believes the 12 distributors will need to import more talent from the private sector to cope with the demands of running privatised operations in a competitive market

Mr Hope believes that one result of privatisation is that customers may be required to accept lower levels of reliabil-

TWO or three of the 12 electri- ity, and therefore more power cuts, as distributors effect cost savings by slimming their maintenance staff. But they would have to pass such savings on to the public in the form of lower tariffs.

The Times today publishes the mini-prospectus for the 12 distributors. The 7.3 million potential investors who have registered under the issue will receive personalised application forms by post this week. The Times will provide detailed advice on the 12 in its Weekend Money section on Saturday. In Monday's paper, the Tempus column will con-

sider prospects for the com-

panies and publish its pick of

the crop.

Recession Marwick

THE recession has boosted income for accountants as demand for receivers and work on corporate recovery schemes increases.

The insolvency practice of KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock boosted its income by three-quarters to £28.4 million in the year to end-Scotember. Business is hectic throughout the South and Midlands as the impact of recession spread

Peat increased its total fees by Z2.5 per cent to £431 million, with rises of nearly a third to £83 million from tax consultancy and to £74 million from management consultancy.

from the Sontheast.

During the year, Peat, which was already auditor to more of The Times 1,000 top companies than any other, gained or regained five top 1,000 accounts, including the worldwide business of Rolls-Royce, Cable and Wireless

Despite losing Sketchley and Ferranti, Peat now and its more than a fifth of The Times 1,000 companies.

Auditing income for the year increased by 13 per cent to £248 million.

Chancery passes dividend

By MARTIN BARROW

CHANCERY, the banking and financial services group, is passing the interim dividend after incurring losses of £1.27 million before tax during the six months to end-September, compared with first-half pretax profits of £3.86 million and an interim dividend of 3.1p last year. There was a loss of 4.1p a share, against, carn-

ings of 11.6p. Losses were struck after provisions of £3.5 million gainst the company's loan book, a consequence of a sharp fall in property values. About 50 per cent of Chan-cery's lending was secured against property and the sec-urity margin built into the loans has eroded as values

Factoring, shipping and instalment credit operations, which together with other commercial lending account for the remaining 50 per cent of Chancery's loan book, had expanded profitably without Prospectus, page 32 and 33 | incurring material provisions.

- BUSINESS ROUNDUP helps Peat | Warning on profits at Barry Wehmiller

SHARES in Barry Wehmiller International, the specialist packaging and machinery group, fell 37p to 187p after the company gave a warning that profits would not live up to

At its annual meeting, the company said orders in the period October to December, which is a crucial time in the group's order cycle, had not yet picked up to expected levels. The group said that although full-year results should be "creditable by industry standards", they were not expected to meet earlier estimates. Analysts have trimmed their pre-lax profit forecasts from £14.5 million to a flat £12.3 million for the current year. They feel that the problems mainly relate to the group's American operations, which account for more than a third of group turnover, as well as pressure on British

57% ahead

APOLLO Metals, the Birmingham aluminium plate and bar processor quoted on the USM, posted a 57 per cent advance in pretax profits to £2.4 million in the year to end-September. Turnover grew by 41 per cent to £26.9 million. The final dividend of 2p (1.33p), makes an increased year's total of 3p(2p). Earnings per share rise from 8.6p to 12.9p. The shares rose 5p to 130p.

Apollo Metals Walker&Staff profits dip

WALKER & Staff Holdings, the valve and pipework distributor, reports a slight decline in pre-tax profits from £191,000 to £180,000 in the half year to end-September. Turnover climbed from £3.79 million to £4.08 million. There is no interim dividend. The company said that the results for the full year are expected to be down on last year's. The shares fell 5p to 125p.

Sheafbank down

SHEAFBANK Property Trust is maintaining its total dividend at 0.75p a share, with an unchanged final of 0.65p, after reporting taxable profits down from £843,027 to £500,891 for the year to end-March. Earnings fell from 4.20p

a share to 2.41p.

Gross income, including £2 million from the sale of a Manchester leasehold property to UK Estates, a joint venture with Philips Pension Fund, fell from £4.08 million to £2.40 million. An unrealised profit of £820,682, based on the proportion of cash to the total consideration, has been transferred to non-distributable reserves.

Cavendish

NEW Cavendish Estates, the property investment and development group, slid into the red with a pre-tax loss of £103,000 in the year to end-June, against profits of £845,000 last time. Invest-ment property sales led to an extraordinary profit of £593,000. The loss per share stood at 2.02p, against earnings of 4.06p last time. Again there is no dividend. The shares lost 2p to 41p.

Loss for New Pre-tax rise for Marston

MARSTON, Thompson & Evershed, the Burton brewer, unveiled a steady 7.1 per cent improvement in pre-tax profits to £9.68 million for the half year to end-September. The increase came on the back of turnover ahead by 17.4 per cent to £53.1 million. The interim dividend is raised to 1.26p (1.11p), after earnings climbed from 6.86p to 7.22p

Hewetson lifts profits

HEWETSON, magnifacturer of raised access flooring, returned marginally increased profits of £1.17 million before tax, against £1.10 million, for the six months to end-September, despite difficult trading conditions. The interim dividend is being maintained at 1.6p a share, payable from earnings of 7.71p a share, compared with 7.14p.

Turnover rose from £16.22 million to £22 million, but

operating profits were almost unchanged at £1,54 million.

WALL STREET

PRICES advanced in early from Monday afternoon." dealines on the heels of a moderate rise in bond values. lower on a weaker yen and

Ned Collins, the executive equities at Daiwa Securities, mid: "I think we're seeing a

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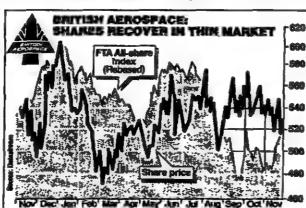
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STOCK MARKET Hopes for early reduction in rates hearten investors



company was forced to play down bid speculation. The board says that it is unable to

began to recede. The proposed lay-offs at its Rover subsidiary comment on reports that made little impact. But a buy Markheath Securities has re-recommendation from UBS Markheath Securities has re-ceived approaches for its 27.2 Phillips & Drew, the broker, per cent stake in Frogmore, helped to boost sentiment.

Wickes, the DIY and building supplies group, fell 3p to 86p after the second profits dewagrading by Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, in a month. L&S cut its forecast by £9 million last time and it has now reduced its estimate by a farther £4.3 million to £12 million (against £38 million last time). The broker expects Hunter Timber to make a loss of £2 million. L&S has also cut its forecast for next year by £5.3 million to £19 million.

but has not received any bid approaches itself.
British Aerospace n

to claw back this week's losses Ilp to 533p as bearish stories, centring on problems with the Tornado fighter and fears that Germany will withdraw from George Walker's own private

Breat Walker, the debtladen leisure group, fell 6p to 91p after touching 82p. Subscriptions for the group's in a thin market with a rise of £103 million convertible bond

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company, Birdcage Walk. Thoru EMI fell 10p to 639p as dealers expressed dislion deal for MCA, the American music and film group, by Matsushita of Ja-pan, putting MCA on an exit p/e of 28. They had been hoping for a higher valuation, linking it to Thorn's EMI music business. There has been talk that Thorn may be considering a separate float for its music business.
Oil shares benefited from

the prospect of a firmer crude price as worries about an escalation of the Middle East troubles grew. BP rose 5p to 344p, Burmah 3p to 463p, Enterprise 9p to 638p, Premier Consolidated 5p to 74p, Shell 3p to 457p and Ultramar 3p to 341p. Lasmo also rose 14p to 438p after a meeting with analysts at which it gave an update on recent events.

Allied-Lyons, the drinks and food group, fell 7p to 491p after announcing a dis-appointing set of interim figures, showing pre-tax profits only 10 per cent ahead at £286 million. The figure had been boosted by recent acquisitions, Dunkin' Donuts for £195 million and Whitbread's spirits division for £530 million. Chairman Sir Derrick Holden-Brown issued a warn-

ing that the less favourable economic environment had made it more difficult to forecast. Guinness slipped 3p to 745p

on the news that it is buying a 67.5 per cent stake in Asbach, the German brandy producer. The cost of the acquisition has not been revealed. Only last week, Guinness paid £533 million for Spain's biggest brewer, Cruz del Campo. Northern Foods firmed 2p to 352p after reporting a jump in half-year pre-tax profits of £7.1 million to £47.4 million

and a rise in the interim dividend from 5.25p to 6p. David Haskins, the chairman, said the group had invested for the long-term and that its low gearing and strong cash flow gave it scope to develop through selective

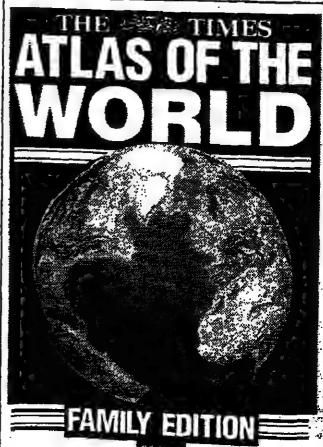
Argyll, the supermarket chain, held steady at 242p after weighing in with some better than expected interim

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ur new man at No 10 needs the blessing of all of us, for he takes over an economy in a recession which seems to get deeper every day. But Mr Major is not going to give much reassurance to possibly the most influential industrialist in the country, Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries. There were probably no wavering members of parliament at the meeting of

The state of the s

the Society of Business Economists yesterday morning to hear Sir Denys' opening speech. If there had been, the Major vote would probably have gone down. Sir Denys, with annual sales of £13 billion throughout the world, said that from a practical point of view, he was not much reassured by the chancellor's autumn statement description of economic prospects for 1991. ICI is much more despondent than the chancellor admitted to being a couple of weeks ago. From the day-by-

through Wapping, it is easier to believe in Henderson's 18 months than in Major's short and shallow view of the recession. Meanwhile, not far away from plus wage demands, and the

day anecdotal evidence passing

Deadly advance of a two-dollar pound

economists in session, one of their number was seeking a little more revenge for the toppling of his benefactor. Professor Sir Alan Walters told his audience that Britain faced a deeper recession than most because of the rate at which this country entered the exchange-rate mechanism. He reckons that a realignment to DM2.60 from the entry of DM2.95 would be more appropriate for industry, and there are few in industry that would disagree that the professor's rate

would be more comfortable. That entry rate of DM2.95 was not designed, however, for comfort but for pain. The government, the City and even large sections of industry are hopeful that the tough rate will inflict "discipline" on wage settlements, forcing them below the going rate of inflation through fear of mounting unemployment. Companies themselves have been unable to stand up to RPI-

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

theory is that the prospect of lost an ace or two of the two-dollar markets and lost jobs, as outlined by Major in his Mansion House speech, will add power to the elbows of corporate negotiators. As the recession gathers depth,

that seems increasingly likely. Economists are already predicting substantial industrial destocking in the early part of next year, and leaving your workforce striking outside the factory gates is an effective way of reducing production while retaining the moral high ground. It remains to be seen which company management will bite the RPI first.

In the meantime, the rate at which Britain entered ERM has found a powerful partner in the dollar rate, which is now within

pound. The weakness of the American economy, coupled with the sagging of the dollar, will bring additional problems to the door of British industry, because in the Eighties, America learned how to export. Again, anecdotal evidence is piling up that American products are increasingly landing in Europe. This is all very well if it is purely opportunistic exporting that will melt away when the American electoral cycle demands a stimulus to the economy. But if, as seems equally if not more likely, corporate America acquires a taste for exporting, more nails are likely to be hammered into Britain's industrial coffin. High interest rates and a high

exchange rate knocked the stuffing out of manufacturing industry a decade ago. There is little to stop history repeating

For electoral reasons, the new man will no doubt make some noise about reforming the poll tax but the real imperative must be to preserve the industry and commercial base of this country. The finance industries, given a reasonably level European playing field, can look after themselves. They live by their wits rather than their work, and cerebral inventiveness is more important than capital investment. The growth of financial services in the Eighties will not easily be given up in the Nineties, even though it may be part of the "fluff" of the second half of the last decade about which Henderson spoke.

That said, Henderson is right with his demand that good growth in the Nineties will have to be based on solid industrial

of a good European government's role to featherbed its own industry, it will be in everyone's interest to help rather than hinder. Interest rates need to come down on a global basis, but there is no reason why this country should lag rather than lead. If this weakens sterling and drives it down to the ERM basement, so be it. At least that will make imports more expensive, and give our suffering captains a bit of a leg up in international markets. As Walters pointed out, a rise in interest rates to maintain the present position of sterling would bring the economy into even deeper

substance, and while it is no part

But this country needs no more retail knights nor wild consumer booms, and interest rate cuts must be staged so as not to fuel a house price explosion which would put fools gold into the pockets of mortgage payers. Most of all, though, the new prime minister will do his greatest service to industry if he shows as much concern for those who make things as he does for those

FOR an executive chairman whose company had just re-ported pre-tax losses of more than £165 million Godfrey Bradman, of Rosehaugh, was in a relaxed mood.

A two-week campaign of well-informed press comment had done its job. Rosehaugh's shares, primed for bad news, reacted with commendable initial fortitude to losses the size of which the property sector was hard pressed to recall ever having seen.

Further consideration saw the shares slide 7p to 101p, as the sheer magnitude of the losses began to sink in. By comparison, the passed dividend appeared incidental.

Ian Rowberry, a main board director, last month became the first boardroom casualty of Rosehaugh's corporate restructuring. Given these losses it would not be surprising if others decided it might be time to follow his lead, or had it decided for them.

Mr Bradman, however, will not be leading any boardroom exodus. He believes the programme of rationalisation and disposals that followed February's one-for-one rescue rights issue is the right one. "I think the policy we have

embarked upon is the right one. We have made very significant progress in reorgan-ising the group. All the shareholders we have dis-cussed it with have been totally supportive."

To outsiders, Rosehaugh's tery. The Broadgate office complex near London's Liver-Properties, its erstwhile partner, is its flagship.

Along with the adjoining pre-tax loss of £41 million. Finsbury Avenue buildings, To get round this w come de rigueur for television gional shopping malls. Indeed producers hoping to capture the modern City of London.

The only problem is that Rosehaugh to hold its lovingly

Rosehaugh house tumbles into the red



Right policy: Godfrey Bradman at helm of changes

the year to end-June made a Finsbury Avenue buildings, To get round this very Broadgate is one of the un-forecastable cash-flow deficit, doubted successes of the Rosehaugh weaved an elabo-Eighties' development boom. rate web of property trading Its offices fairly bulge with top subsidiaries created to build notch tenants, while its magni- and sell all types of property, ficent public spaces have be- from Docklands flats to re-

Broadgate does not make developed City buildings, money. Its massive rent roll whose steadily rising value falls well short of covering an would drive Rosehaugh's even more massive interest asset value ever higher. Charge. The same goes for The structure worked well The structure worked well



pool Street station, which it Right policy: Godfrey Bradman at helm of changes developed with Stanhope Rosehaugh-Stanhope Devel- when these developer-trader

opments, its owner, which in subsidiaries made money. But when the profits dried up, this elaborate structure quickly became a liability - in certain subsidiaires big liabilities.

Mr Bradman is right when he says the company has made progress since the February rights issue. In the year to end-June, Rosehaugh sold £128 million of property, into a market that deteriorated as the year went on. Since the year end a further £77 million worth has been sold, including Rosehaugh Heritage that was sold to Chartwell Land, a Kingfisher subsidiary But as the losses show the

experience is proving painful. "At the time of the rights issue we realised that the market was bad. But from the spring

the market got worse." Values at Broadgate and Finsbury Avenue might be riding out the storm. Indeed their unchanged value, plus first-time contributions from two recently completed phases of Broadgate ensured Rose-haugh's net assets were virtually unchanged at £475 mil-

tion, although net assets per share fell from 477p to 373p. Elsewhere values tumbled, as yields rose. "As far as the more routine trading stock goes, some of the yields have gone from 7 per cent to 9 per cent, and even more," said Mr Bradman, although he says the company has not dumped properties on the market.

However, he believes a £99 million write down brings the value of Rosehaugh's remain-ing trading stock being up to date with the still lamentable state of the property market.

Net borrowings have fallen from the pre-rights level of £410 million to £350 million. More encouragingly, as a re-sult of the disposals the money needed to finish the group's remaining developments has fallen to £30 million.

Mr Bradman believes Rosehaugh will not be the last large property company to report enormous provisions. Others, however, will have the option of taking such provisions through the balance sheet, inas Rosehaugh has had to.

Although Rosehaugh's residential developments should start to benefit from an improving housing market next year, the outlook for commercial property is far from rosy.

It is certainly far too soon to say that Rosehaugh has turned the corner, in spite of a level of provision that must make some improvement a certainty next time round. What the company's influential shareholders have to decide is whether the management responsible for this level of losses is the right management through this still far from certain future.

MATTHEW BOND

O&Y cloud over Allied-Lyons

TEMPUS

IN ONE of those bizarre reactions that make captains of industry tear their hair out, Allied-Lyons shares were marked down after worthy half-time profits. The fall had little to do with the figures. Instead, dealers turned their thoughts to a sizeable block of convertible stock owned by Olympia & York, the Canadian developer of Canary

Wharf, O&Y's holding is convertible from January 1 into more than 9 per cent of Allied's equity, and dealers chose to speculate that the Canadian group may be a seller to help fund its Docklands project. in a way which would damage investment, either the stock market or its relationship with the company. But with conversion so close, dealers will regard the convertible as a potential cloud over Alice dances.

Argyll

ARGYLL, the supermarket group that owns Safeway, reinforced the message al-ready received from Sainsbury

Half-time profits, up 10 per and Tesco, that Britain's food cent to £286 million, owed a retailers are in good shape and little to the acquisition of in a strong position to cope Dunkin' Donuts, the American food chain. James Bur-Argyll made pre-tax profits rough, the Beefeater Gin group bought from Whitbread last year, performed well, but increase of 28 per cent. Sales the maiden contribution was rose 16 per cent to £2.47 eclipsed by interest charges.

The two newcomers ac-counted for perhaps £25 mil-lion of the £54 million 2.85p. advance in trading profits suggesting that trading profits 72 per cent of the group's sales in the rest of the group rose and operating profits for the only 9 per cent or so. The chain rose 48 per cent to purchases and higher interest £102.5 million.

rates forced financing costs 50 per cent up to £111 million. The interim dividend rose 11 per cent to 6.27p a share. Basic earnings per share, 3.6 per cent up at 22.8p, showed

the effect of a tax charge up from 28 per cent to 30 per cent due to higher overseas profits. This trend has further to 20, with tax next year up perhaps another 3 percentage points, prompting some analysts to derate the shares from buy to hold. But the shares, down 15p at 483p, sell for about 11 times fully-diluted earnings Allied reassured analysis of its times fully-diluted earnings belief that O&Y would not act and are the classic defensive

ready received from Sainsbury

Argyll made pre-tax profits of £143 million in the six months to October 13, an rose 16 per cent to £2.47 billion and earnings per share

Safeway now accounts for

Operating margins at Safe-way rose 0.8 per cent to 6 per cent in the first half and are set to end the financial year at about 6.8 per cent. Like-for-like sales growth at Safeway is running at 9 per cent, 1 per cent ahead of inflation.

Safeway is now in a strong position to cut costs, improve productivity and increase margins. Argyli, which is already experimenting in Europe, is planning at least one big acquisition in the next

Argyll has gearing of only 16 per cent and Andy Brown, a Morgan Stanley analyst, has upgraded his full-year forecast from £280 million to £290 million which puts the shares, at 242p, on a p/e ratio of 11.2. In common with Sainsbury

and Tesco, Argyll's shares have outperformed the market in recent months but, with Argyll's earnings set to grow while the market as a whole continues to fall, they are not expensive and are worth buying.

Northern Foods ASIDE from a minor upset

over chingfilm the nation's £104 million pre-tax, they digestion has been relatively untroubled over the past few times' future earnings and months, and Northern Foods yield a prospective 5.4 per has reaped the benefit,

reported, chicken, cheese, eggs and remain a strong long-term

The rebound from the hysteria is one of the factors behind better than expected interim pre-tax profits, up from £40.3 million to £47.4 million to end-September. Northern also saw a £2 million upswing from the effects of low pork prices last time and the benefits of stripping out some £20 million of turnover from less profitable products.

Operating margins were ahead from 7.7 per cent to 8.5 per cent. Northern's clear defensive qualities are coming to the fore as the recession bites - witness the claim in Argyll Group's figures yesterday that as people eat out less, they eat in better. Argyll's Safeway chain is one of Northern's four big customers, which together account for a third of its sales.

Despite plans to continue capital spending and look carefully at acquisitions, Northern is confident its strong cash flow will reduce gearing further from its current modest level of about 14 per cent by the financial year end. Little surprise that the shares, up 3p to 353p, are at the top end of their trading

with most analysts increasing profit forecasts to about cent. Fair value: but the shares Last time the company have outperformed the sector



THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Shatalin's ad-venture

PROFESSOR Stanislav Shatalin, adviser to President Gorbachev and author of the radical "Shatalin Plan", arrives in Britain next week to inform the Square Mile of his country's prospects. He will deliver the second European Enterprise Lecture on Tuesday, sponsored by 3i and the Cranfield European Enterprise Centre. While in Britain, he plans to visit the International Stock Exchange and will also meet teams from Warburg and the Bank of England. Shatalin, who recently suffered a heart attack, is due to meet the new prime minister on Friday before flying home. "This is one of his first trips outside the USSR," says Bob Woodward, a director of 3i. who arranged the visit. The Soviet Union is interested in a venture capital organisation like 3i as a model for long-term development. The Shalatin plan, which has divided Soviet politicians, many of whom prefer a more cautious proposal from Nikolai Ryzhkov, the prime min-

GRAFFITO on an advertising hoarding in Pimlico: "One good turn often gets all the

extensive privatisation.

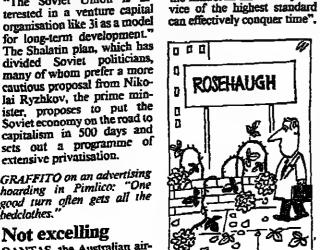
Soviet economy on the road to

capitalism in 500 days and

sets out a programme of

Not excelling QANTAS, the Australian airline, which has embarked on a

something of a predicament yesterday. For passengers arriving at Heathrow on Monday evening to catch flight banker, seamstress, gardener, QF10, due to depart at were told to expect a 9.45pm, delay. Unfortunately for the airline, the passenger list included John Elliott, recently deposed head of the Elders IXL brewing conglomerate, who was spotted in the first class lounge with his wife, chain-smoking cigarettes and doing his best to stay calm. The flight was finally cancelled at 12.15am, and the weary travellers were told they would be accommodated overnight. On opening their complimentary newspapers the next morning, they were less than pleased to see a full page colour advertisement taken by Qantas and including the immortal line: "Only ser-



glossy television and news-paper advertising campaign to lure travellers, found itself in something of a predicament wishes on your birthday. Love from your friend, lover, chef, laundress, nurse, cleaner, entertainer, social secretary. poet, typist, apprentice, actor, telephonist, book-keeper, business pariner, company secretary, writer, auditor, chauffeur, slave-driver, confidante, host-ess, debtor, personnel officer and wife, Kaye." Trading up

THE City does not always warm to newcomers. But it clearly has a soft spot for John Madejski, the millionaire publisher, who took his first stake in a public company last week. Madejski, chairman of Hurst Publishing which includes Thames Valley Auto Trader in its stable, paid £1 million in cash for 10.5 per cent stake in Goodhead Group, the print-ing free newspaper and design services company. The share price gained 10p on the news. I am now the second largest shareholder in the company," says Madeiski, who has been friends with Colin Rosser, Goodhead's chairman, for 14 years. "Colin prints a lot of my titles and the shares were undervalued." Madejski, who has enjoyed much success with Auto Trader and its related titles, clearly has an eye for his work. For his Berkshire home includes space for two Jaguars and two Ferraris, a Testarossa and a 328 GTS, both fiery red, and worth

£180,000 between them.

broker's circular: "Man is the only creature who spends two-thirds of his lifetime saving up for old age and the last third denying that it has arrived."

Heavy order

ONE of the big winners to emerge from the Channel Tunnel contract is Blue Circle Cement, which is supplying most of the cement on the British side of the project. The order for 500,000 tonnes over a five-year period is the big-gest since the war to be supplied to a single construction site in Britain. As part of the deal, the company is supply ing 100,000 tonnes to build a sea wall below Shakespeare Cliff, Dover, where the vast amounts of chalk mari dug dumped. But it is not the first time the company, Britain's largest cement manufacturer, has had to supply such a large amount in one go. For 46 years ago, it won an order to supply 750,000 tonnes of cement to build the Mulberry harbours for the Normandy landings. "I was not around at the time," says Ian McKenzie, chief executive of Blue Circle Cement, who admits that the deal is worth more than £20

HANDMADE sign seen in the rear window of a Majestic Wine Warehouses delivery van: "No baby - drive as close as you like."

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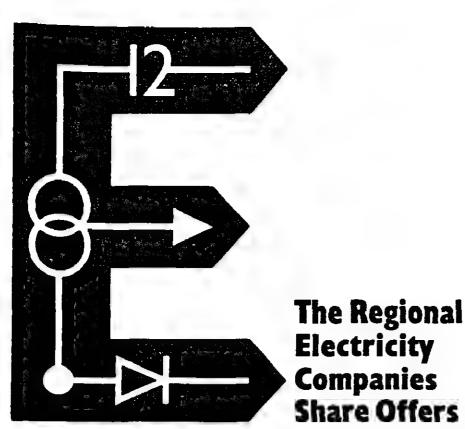
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HM Government is now offering for sale 100 per cent. of the ordinary share capital of each of the 12 Regional Electricity Companies of England and Wales. The offer price of 240p per share is payable in instalments of 100p now, 70p on 22nd October 1991 and 70p on 15th September 1992.

terms and conditions of application, a guide to completing the public application form and the public application form. This advertisement does not contain any information about the Regional Electricity Companies ("RECs"), it should therefore full Prospectus dated 21st November 1990 which alone contains approved listing particulars relating to each REC. Copies of the full Prospectus may be obtained, until the Offers for Sale close, from most clearing bank branches and post offices. In applying for shares in any REC you will be creased as applying on the basis of the information in the relevant Sections of the full Prospectus and on the terms and conditions secout below. Expressions defined in the full Prospectus have the same meaning in this advertisement Before deciding to apply for shares you should consider carefully whether shares are a suitable investment for you. Their value can go down as well as up. If you need advice, you should consult a stockbroker, solicitor, accountant, bank manager or other professional adviser.

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agents any information about the application which may be requested.

SHARE OFFERS AND APPLICATION AND INSTALMENT ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Share offers

The number of shares being offered in each company in the United Kingdom

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Eastern	269,875,000
East Midlands	218,059,000
London	218.059.000
Manweb	118,745.000
Midfunds	209.423,000
Northern	123.063.000

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(b) Applications

Applications must be received no later than 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th December 1990. The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, any application. Once made, applications may not be withdrawn.

(c) No multiple applications

ONLY ONE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY PERSON FOR SHARES IN ANY SINGLE REC. The only exceptions to this rule are Permitted Employee Applications (as defined in the Prospectus) which may be made by eligible ses of the RECs, NGC and EASL.

Multiple applications and suspected multiple applications are liable to be rejected. Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising more than one application for shares in any single REC, for their own benefit, or that of any other person, either solely or jointly with other persons. Under the terms

and conditions, an applicant can be required to disclose to the Secretary of State or his

The basis of allocation of the shares in each REC is expected to be announced by 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 10th December 1990. If your application for shares in any REC is successful in whole or in part, you will be sent an interim certificate for the shares allocated to you in that REC. If there is heavy demand for the shares in any particular REC, you may receive fewer shares than you apply for in that REC or, in some cases,

If your application is not accepted, all money paid will be returned (without interest). If your application is accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid.

(e) Dealings

interim certificates are expected to be despetched to successful applicants on or before Wednesday, 19th December 1990. However, dealings are expected to commence in London at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th December 1990. Applicants who wish to sell before they

have received an interim certificate will only be able to do so if they make arrangements to deal on this basis. Applicants who deal before receipt of an interim certificate will do so at the risk of selling shares for which they have not received an allocation.

You will be sent reminders in advance of the dates when the second and final instalments become psyable. The reminders will be sent to your address on the relevant register at the time. If you do not pay any instalments for which you are liable, your right to the shares may be cancelled. If you sail your shares, the purchaser will become liable for any further instalments due (once the transfer has been registered).

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You offer to purchase from the Secretary of State at the Offer Price the number of shares indicated in your application (or any المعافد number in respect of which your application is accepted) in the

You agree that your offer cannot be revoked prior to 12th January 1991 and promise that the chaque or draft accompanying your application will be honoured on first presentation. The Secretary of State agrees that he will not, prior to 12th January 1991, offer any of the shares in the Company to any person other than by means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus. If you are an eligible customer you will be entitled to customer preference on the basis described in Part I of Chapter VI of Section I of the Prospectus. This paragraph constitutes a collateral contract between you and the Secretary of State. It becomes binding when your application is posted to, or (if delivered) is received by, a receiving bank.

3. If your application form is not completed correctly, or if the accompanying th the wrong amount, it may still be created as valid. In these circumstances the Secretary of State's (or his agent's) decision as to whether to treat your application as valid, and how to construe, amend or complete it, shall be final. You will not, however, be treated as having offered to purchase more shares in the Company than is indicated in your application for shares in the Company.

4. Any application may be rejected in whole or in part. Acceptance of your offer to purchase shares

5. The Secretary of State may accept your offer to purchase (if your application is received, valid, processed and not rejected) either (a) by notifying The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case the acceptance will be on that basis) or (b) by notifying acceptance to the receiving bank. which processed your application. The acceptance may be of the whole or any part of your offer nd, accordingly, the number of shares in the Company you offer to purchase may be scale

6. If the Secretary of State accepts your offer to purchase (in whole or in part) there will be a binding contract under which you will be required to purchase the shares in respect of which your offer has been accepted if, prior to 12th January 1991, both (a) the shares in the Company which are the subject of the Combined Offers are admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange and (b) the UK Underwring Agreement referred to in Part 9 of Chapter V of Section I of the Prospectus is not terminated, and the underwriting obligation under that Agreement becomes unconditional, in respect of the shares in the Company.

You will not be entitled to exercise any remady of rescission for innocent mis representation at any time after acceptance. This does not affect any other rights you may have.

Payment for the shares

8. You undertake to pay the purchase price for the shares in the Company in respect of which your offer is accepted in three instalments as described in the Prospectus. The cheque or draft accompanying your application may be presented for payment before acceptance of your offer, but this will not constitute acceptance of your offer either in whole or in part. The proceeds of this presentation will be held pending acceptance and, if your offer is accepted, will be applied in discharging the first instalment, which is due upon acceptance. The second instalment is due on 22nd October 1991 and the third instalment is due on 15th Seprember 1992 (and, in each case, for value by 3.00 p,m on that date). Following payment in full of the purchase price the Secretary of State will arrange for the shares which you have agreed to purchase to be transferred to you. This ransfer will not, however, occur before 18th August 1992.

If your application is invalid, is rejected or is not accepted in full, or if the circumstances described
in paragraph 6(a) or (b) do not occur prior to 12th January 1991, any proceeds of the cheque or draft
accompanying your application (or, if your application is accepted in part, the unused balance of
those proceeds) will be refunded to you without interest.

10. The Secretary of State may require you to pay interest or his other resulting costs (or both) if the chaque or draft accompanying your application is not honoured on first presentation. If you are required to pay interest you will pay the amount determined by the Secretary of State or his agents to be the interest on the amount of the cheque or draft from the date of acceptance until the date of receipt of cleared funds. The rate of interest will be the then published bank base rate of a clearing recept of cleared rungs. The race of interest will be the chep published opin-one race or a country bank selected by the Secretary of State plus 2 per cept, per annum. The Secretary of State may apply part of any payment received from you is paying this interest or other costs. In this event (or if the late payment is for other reasons insufficient) the remander of the payment will be applied in paying the first instalment in respect of as many shares in the Company as possible. If the payment is in respect of the shares in more than one REC, the Secretary of State may apportion it in any unner between the shares in those RECs. Any balance of the payment ref the Secretary of State on your behalf and may be applied in paying any other amounts due to the Secretary of State terminates the agreement to purchase shares under paragraph II below and no other amounts remain due to the Secretary of State, the remaining balance will be recurred to you (without interest).

II. At any time until the Secretary of State has received, in cleared funds, the first instalment in respect of a share the Secretary of State may terminate the agreement to purchase that share. The on will be effected by notice being despatched to you. In the event of termination you will pay to the Secretary of State, on demand, such amount as may be certified on his behalf as being necessary to compensate the Secretary of State for the losses, costs and expenses incurred or id to be incurred as a result of the cheque or draft not being honoured on first prese and as a result of cermination (taking into account any amounts paid under paragraph 10 abové and any profit gained on the resale of the share).

12. If you receive any interim certificate in respect of the shares you have agreed to purchase before the Secretary of Scate has received, in cleared funds, the first instalment in respect of those shares. you shall forthwith return it to the receiving banker from which it was sent.

instaiment Agreement

13. Upon receipt by the Secretary of State in cleaned funds of the first instalment in respect of any share for which your offer to purchase has been accepted you will become a party to, and will be bound by, the instalment Agreement in respect of that share. Accordingly, from that date you will be inticled to the benefit of rights attached to that share in accordance with the terms of the Instalment Agreement. Until that date the Secretary of State will remain entitled to the benefit of all rights attached to that share. Upon your becoming a party to the instalment Agreement in respect of any share, the obligations to pay the second and final instalments in respect of that share. ind the obligation to transfer shares to you, contained in paragraph 8 above will be replaced by the corresponding obligations in the instalment Agreement. If, as the date you become a party to the instalment Agreement, the second or final instalment (or both) has aiready fallen due and has not been paid, you will be obliged to pay that or those instalments in accordance with the terms of the nent as if you were a "Purchaser" (as defined in the instalment Agre

14. If you are eligible and your offer to purchase shares in the Company is accepted, you will be entitled to receive any incentive in relation to the Company you may have elected to receive in your application. This entitlement is governed by, and you must comply with, the requirements set out, or referred to, in Chapter VI of Section I of the Prospectus.

(i) You are not under 18 years of age on the daze of your application

You are not, and you are not applying on behalf of, a US or Canadian person (as defined in Part 2 of Chapter VI of Section I of the Prospectus) or an individual, corporation or entity resident

(iii) If your application, together with all other applications in which you have an incerest, were

accepted in full, neither you, nor any person on whose behalf you are applying, would have an incerest (as defined in Arcicle 40 of the Arcicles of Association of the Company) in shares representing 15 per cent. or more of the issued share capital of the Company.

In making your application you are relying only on the Prospectus and the Mini Prospectus taken together with the Prospectus and not oir any other information or representation concerning the Company or the Combined Piers. You agree that no person responsible for the Prospectus or any part of it will have any liability for any such other, information or

(v) If the laws of any place outside the United Kingdom are applicable to your have complied with all such laws and none of the parties mentioned at the top of these terms and conditions will infringe any laws outside the United Kingdom as a result of the acc of your offer to purchase or any actions arising from your rights and obligations under these terms and conditions, the instalment Agreement and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

16. If the person signing the application is not the applicant, that person warrants that he has authority to do so on behalf of the applicant and that this authority is vested in him by virtue of any power of actorney which (or a copy of which) accompanies the application.

The Secretary of State and his agents may have full access to all information relating to, or deriving from, the chaque or draft accompanying your application and its processing. If the Secretary of Sciencor his agence request any further information about your application you must promptly disclose it to them. Upon your becoming a party to the instalment Agreement your name(s) will be aced on the register of interim rights for the Company and, if you pay your instalms and transfer those rights, subsequently on its register of members. These registers are open to inspection by the public, who may take copies in return for a prescribed fee. The information supplied in, or in connection with, your application may also be disclosed to HM Government.

departments (and their agents) concarned with other privatisations and to members of the police forces for compiling lists of sisspected multiple applicants. No multiple applica

18. You warrant that the declarations on your application form are true and correct. If they are not you may be making a multiple application. Any interim certificate or returned application mon relating to a person suspected of making a multiple application may be held (in the case of mon-

19. All documents and any recurred moneys will be sent at your risk. They may be sent by post to you at the address shows on the application form. Any cheque will be made payable to you for the first ? person named in any joint ap-

You agree to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company once the shares you have agreed to purchase have been transferred to you.

 Your application, any acceptance of that application and the contract resulting therefrom will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England. For the exclusive benefit of the parties mentioned at the top of these tarms and conditions you irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts in respect of these matters. This does not prevent an action being taken against you in any other jurisdiction.

22. Reference in these terms and conditions to the Prospectus is to the full prospectus dated 21st Novembur 1990 containing listing particulars related to each of the RECs. Words defined in the Prospectus have the same meanings in these terms and conditions and in your application. In the case of a joint application, references to you in these terms and conditions are to each of you and

23. Neither Kleinwort Benson Limited nor any of the banks mentioned at the top of these terms and conditions will treat you as its customer by virtue of your making an application for shares or by : virtue of your offer to purchase being accepted. In particular, they will not owe you any dutied or responsibilities concerning the price of the shares or concerning the suitability of shares for you.

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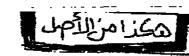
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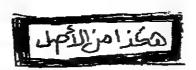
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GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

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If you make an application for the benefit of a child in this way, you may also apply for shares in the same company separately for your own benefit.

If you are applying for your own benefit, please leave the "A/C" box blank, if you wish to apply jointly with another adult, please see Note 7.

2) The names of the 12 Regional Electricity Companies are listed above Box 2. Put in Box 2 the name of the ONE company in which you wish to apply for shares on this form. Please use BLOCK CAPITALS.

Put in Box 3 (in figures) the number of shares for which you wish to apply. You may only apply for one of the numbers of shares set out below. Applications for any other number of shares will be rejected.

of shares for which you can apply	Amount you pay new at 100p per share	Your total payment at 240p per share
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Payment for shares is in three instalments. The second instalment of 70p per share is payable by 22nd October 1991 and the final instalment of 70p per share by 15th September 1992. Reminders will be sent in plenty of time.

(\$)⇒Sign and date the form in Box 5. Please read carefully the warning below and the declaration in Box 5 before signing.

WARNING ...

Only one application may be made for the benefit of any person for shares in any single Regional Electricity Company. Criminal proceedings may be instituted against myone knowingly making or authorising more than one such application, whether solely or jointly with other persons. The only exceptions are Permitted Employee Applications (as defined in the Prospectus).

If you are applying for the benefit of someone under the age of 18, you, rather than that person, must sign the application form.

The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf who is duly authorised to do so. In this case the original of the relevant power of attorney (or a copy certified by a solicitor) must be enclosed unless the form is signed by a selling agent, financial intermediary or UK clearing bank, in which case the signatory must state the capacity in which he or she signs,

A corporation must sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stared.

-(6)> Pin to Box 6 your chaque for the amount you have put in Box 4.

A separate cheque must accompany each application form. No receipt will be issued.

Your cheque must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a UK bank sort code number in the top right hand

Alternatively, you may use a bankers draft, a cheque from your building society or a bank branch, or a personal chaque drawn by someone else. In each case it must meet the above requirements and you should write your full name and address on the back.

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(▼)> You may apply jointly with up to three other persons aged 18 or over. They should read carefully the warning in Note 5 and the declaration in Box 5 before signing in Box 7.

The form may be signed by someone else on behalf of the joint applicant(s), as described in Note 5.

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The Secretary of State for Energy is a registered data user under the Data Protection Act 1984 and your attention is drawn to paragraph 17 of the terms and conditions.

REGIONAL ELECTRICITY COMPANIES PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM Before completing this form, please read carefully the guide above "A/C" The 12 Regional Electricity Companies are: SOUTHERN EASTERN MIDLANDS NORTHERN **SOUTHWALES** EAST MIDLANDS NORWEB LONDON YORKSHIRE SEEBOARD MANWEB Furthers in BLOCK CAPITALS the name -(2) loffer to purchase shares in he ONE company you (3) Number of shares for which I am applying I make this application on and subject to the terms and conditions in the Prospectus dated 21st November 1990, I declare that to my knowledge and/or belief this is the only application being made for my benefit for that of any person for whose benefit I am applying) for shares in the company for which I have applied on this form, except for any Personand Employee Application(s), I have read the warning in Note 5 of the guide above. Pin here your cheque for the amount in Box 4, payable to "Electricity Shar Offers" and crossed "Not Negotiable". JOINT APPLICANTS The first applicant's hould fill in the boxes above. Other applicants, applying jointly, should insert their names in BLOCK CAPITALS and sign in the box below. I/We join in this application and give the declaration secout in Box 5. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Head of Gatt urges early compromise at Brussels meeting

THE director general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Arthur Dunkel, has called for compromises at the final ministerial meeting in Brussels next week to end the "crisis" reached in world trade talies.

The Uruguay Round of Gatt talks wound up four years' of work at Geneva last week by agreeing a package of draft texts and comments to send to world finance ministers, but many issues remain

unresolved. Mr Dunkel said: "The round is in a crisis, and the negotiators have to get out of this crisis in the first hours and days in Brussels."

The Brussels meeting starts next Monday and is due to last five days. Mr Dunkel identifies three issues on which negotiators were unable to agree and were therefore not included in the draft texts. They are agriculture, antidumping measures and tradedistorting conditions on foreign investment.

There are also disagreements in the area of commercial service to the trade in textiles and clothing, which is worth \$680 billion a year and of creat importance to many developing countries.



Decision date: Dunkel says a Brussels deal is crucial

the very start of the conference to settle, and not sit on, wellknown positions, then the meeting will be a missed

The latest round of talks started at Punta del Este, Uruguay, in September 1986, with the aim of liberalising

Growth continues despite Gulf tension

grown steadily this year despite uncertainties caused by events in the Gulf, according

In their International Trade 1989-90 report, the economists say merchandise trade volume is set to grow 6 per cent in 1990, after 7 per cent last year. The report says: "While the general situation remains highly uncertain, it appears that the growth in the volume of world trade is unlikely to be seriously af-fected by the Gulf crisis."

It adds that the value of world trade in merchandise grew 7.5 per cent in 1989 to \$3,100 billion, down from a growth of 14 per cent in 1988. World trade in commercial services, such as transport,

The report says volume of world trade has risen 50 per cent in the last decade.

an estimated 9 per cent last

highly indebted nations, nations involved in the talks. mainly Latin American countries, rose 10 per cent last year to about \$150 billion after rising 17 per cent in 1988. Imports by such nations were about \$120 billion last year.

While noting that market reform in some of these countries would lead to more imports, the economists urged better access for their exports.

regain its position from West Germany as the largest merchandise exporter, at \$364 billion, or 11.8 per cent, of the subsidies were higher, to be total. It also imported the most, \$493 billion, or 15.4 per cent. Japan was the largest importer of commercial services, at \$80.5 billion, with America the biggest services seen their European markets report said direct foreign year to \$680 billion, nearly a investment grew to an esti-fifth of all world exports. mated \$1.5 trillion, over double the 1980 levels.

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ments are not prepared from worldwide in the long term, even if some jobs would be lost in the short term.

Mr Dunkel said success was especially important at a time when the world economy was slowing down, tensions in the Gulf were causing instability, eastern Europe needed to be integrated into the free-market economy and there was a need to encourage economic re-

forms in developing countries. He added that the trading community must give out a message of "predictability and security", while acknowledg-ing that disagreement in agriculture was at the core of disagreements among the 107

America and the Carris Group of 14 farm-exporting countries, including Australia and Argentina, are pushing for 75 per cent cuts in 1991 domestic subsidy levels and import barners and 90 per cent reductions in export

subsidies.

The European Community says it will only cut domestic The period saw America subsidies by 30 per cent, after which the other two areas should fall automatically. The EC also wants 1986, when the starting point for cuts. Mr Dunkel suggests a compromise start date of April

> subsidised EC competition in other markets, feel so strongly about agriculture that they

Cattle's to buy **Compass** for £11m

By JONATHAN PRYNN

CATTLE'S Holdings, the consumer credit group, is to buy Compass Credit, Standard Chartered's northern England personal loans subsidiary, for

Ill million.

The acquisition is being financed through an £8 million cash payment and a £3 million dividend being paid to Standard Chartered by Compass Credit. An 11 for 20 rights issue to raise £18.2 million will fund the deal, with the remaining cash being used to reduce borrowings and increase the capital base of Cattle's, Schroders has under-

written the rights issue. The credit operations of Compass Credit will be merged with Shopacheck, the consumer finance operation of December 31, Compass Credit earned pre-tax profits of \$1.8 million on turnover of £45.9 million. Shopacheck reported sales of £105.5 million for the same period. Cattle's said the acquisition would be earnings enhancing in 1992.

Compass operates mainly in the North and Midlands and Shopacheck nationwide. Senior management at Compass will be retained, with Eddie Cran, managing director, joining the Cattle's main board as

deputy chief executive. Cattle's forecasts paying a final dividend of "not less" than 2.3p, making 3.8p for the year, against 3.575p for 1989, The company said it was making "satisfactory progress", though it was difficult to estimate the prospects for the full year because a large proportion of its sales are related to Christmas. Trading prospects for Compass Credit "are in accordance with reasonable expectations."

Celtic Gold seeks iron ore partner

CELTIC Gold, the Dublin precious minerals explorer, is seeking partners to develop its iron ore prospect in Ungava, Ouebec. Negotiations are taking place with potential part-ners interested in the deposit. which contains proven and probable reserves of 900 milhon tons of 32 per cent fron. The company is also seeking acreage for diamond explora-Some countries, which have tion in Saskatchewan.

In the six months to the pre-tax losses from Ir£75,823 (£69,118) to 1r£12,893 (£11,752). Net current and may walk away from the talks | financial assets are sufficient if tough reforms are not to continue existing explora-(Rewer) tion programmes.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Christie slumps to loss at half-time

By OUR CITY STAFF

CHRISTIE Group, the business agency, has slumped to an interim pre-tax loss of £1.5 million on a reduced turnover of £9.6 million, but has forecast a considerably improved second half. The deficit for the six

mouths to end-September compares with a £608,000 profit for the same period last year on sales of £12.4 million. Philip Gwyn, the chairman,

said that after a poor July and August, the market had "largely stabilised". There is no interim dividend, compared with 1.4p in 1989. Mr Gwyn said the dividend position would be reviewed at the vezr-end. The loss per share was 4.64p (earnings 1.57p).

The company was hit hardest by the low level of business. sales agreed and the even lower level completed. In addition, Mr Gwyn said, "the he said.



Gwyn: improvement seen timescale for the transaction was significantly longer than during any comparable period for the 1980s."

However, the company was taking the opportunity to increase its market share and had kept its agency network intact at a time when competitors were scaling back or withdrawing from the market,

H Young's woes made worse by hot summer

By PHILIP PANGALOS

A COMBINATION of re-million to last time's total. luced demand at the optical division, the hot summer's effect on sales of grass cutting equipment and the economic someeze, took their toll on profits at H Young Holdings.

Pre-tax profits at the distributor of spectacles to electronic components fell to £505,000 in the year to September 29, compared with £1.77 million in the previous 14-month

Group turnover dropped from £37.8 million to £27.3 million, affected by the downturn in the optical division and the disposal of Readygas, which had added about \$4

duced an extraordinary credit of £5.67 million. Interest payments were cut from £1.07 million to £331,000, and the company is sitting on about £2.5 million cash in the bank.

7.9p to 2.1p, although the final dividend is maintained at 4p. making an unchanged total of

Southnews payout cut SOUTHNEWS, the regional

newspaper publisher, is halv- from 13.7 per cent to 6.2 per ing its interim dividend to cent. 0.8p a share after a fall in pretax profits from £1.31 million to £415,000 in the six months to end-September.

operating margins declined The company is concentrate

ing on core publishing activities, but Gareth Clark, the chairman, gave warning that Earnings fell from 5.62p a trading would be difficult share to 1.78p and group through most of next year.

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The optical division, which accounts for about £13 million of group turnover, is still affected by charges for sight tests. Turnover fell 15 per Last December's disposal of Readygas to Shell UK pro-Earnings per share fell from

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Discretion to allow case to go on out of time

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord

[Judgment November 26]

Knowledge that a particular claim was available was not a fact ascertainable only with the help of expert advice" within the meaning of section 14 of the Limitation Act 1980.

Where a plaintiff acting as administratrix of her deceased daughter's estate knew in 1978 that the injuries which had that the injuries which had caused the deceased's death were intentionally inflicted by the defendants, she had at that date the necessary knowledge to begin proceedings within the three-year limitation period. Where she failed to do so until after the primary limitation period had expired when she had received legal advice that such facts might found a civil claim for battery, her claim was prima facie time barred.

However, in exercising its discretionary power under sec-tion 33 of the Act, the court was entitled to take into account her ignorance of her legal rights, and where no criticism in respect of the delay could be levelled against her and where, having regard to the starkness of the events the delay was unlikely to render the evidence less cogent the court would disapply the limitation period and permit the

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by Mrs Gail Halford, the plaintiff admin-istratrix of the estate of her deceased daughter, Lynn Siddons, from Mr Justice Schieurann who had concluded on the hearing of a preliminary issue that her claim begun in 1987 against Michael Brookes and Fitzers Brookes and Fitzroy Brookes for dam-ages for battery was time barred

[Judgment November 14]

The doctrine of public interest immunity applied in criminal

proceedings, including habeas corpus applications, as well as in civil proceedings. The application of the doctrine in criminal

proceedings required that the

public interest in non-disclosure be weighed against the interests of justice. The immunity was not extinguished by limited dissemination of the

disclosure of material leading to

the detection of crime was a

separate head of privilege.
Issue estoppel could apply to
applications for habeas corpus

decision on an interlocutory matter could not give rise to an

The Queen's Bench Di-

visional Court so held in grant-ing a motion by the Secretary of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office under Order 41, rule 6 of the Rules of

the Supreme Court that passages in affirmations by Lorrain Esme

Osman in the context of his fourth application for habeas corpus dated February 5, 1990

[Judgment November 14]

Where an order had been made discharging on the face of it, an injunction which had restrained a husband from disposing of his

The Court of Appeal so held

in a reserved judgment, allowing the wife's appeal from the dismissal by Judge Hutchinson

at Lincoln County Court of an application to set aside dispositions made to the defendant, Mr Daniel Hart, by her husband in relation to a number

Mr Victor Hall for the wife;

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-

SLOSS said that the wife mar-ned the husband in 1981. They separated in 1987. On January 29, 1988, the wife obtained the first of seven

Mr Peter Morrell for the defen-dant the husband did not appear and was not represented.

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issue estoppel.

be struck out

The second defendant, then aged 15, confessed that he had attacked her with a knife and was charged with her murder. He later implicated the first defendant, his stepfather, alleging that the latter had planned the billing had extrapped and

At the trial the first defendant denied any complicity although the pathological evidence sup-ported the second defendant's version of events. In his Lordversion of events. In his Lordship's judgment there could be
no doubt that at the date of the
jury's verdict in November 1978
everyone concerned in the case,
including the plaintiff, must
have understood that one or
other or both of the defendants
had been responsible for the
attack on the girl which had
caused her death.

The plaintiff had consulted solicitors at that time and had been advised that the responsibility for instituting a further prosecution against the first defendant rested with the Director of Public Prosecutions. The question of civil proceedings was not convessed at that stage. vas not canvassed at that stage. In 1979 and in 1980 and 1981 further evidence came to light, but from the second defendant's

and should be discontinued.

Pesstonville Prison and Others, Ex parte Osman (No 4)

Before Lord Justice Mann and
Mr Justice Osmand

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John Mok, of the Hong Kong
Bar, for the applicant Mr Kevin
De Haan and Miss Clare
Montgomery for the Governor
of Pentonville Prison; Mr Clive

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Beldam

a husband from disposing of his properties, the disposition by him of the properties was nevertheless a reviewable disposition for the purposes of section 37 of the Marrimonial Causes Act 1973 and, accordingly, it could be set aside on the ground that it was made with the intention of defeating the wife's claim for financial relief.

The Court of Appeal so held

in particular that on April 3, 1978 the plaintiff's daughter, then aged 16, was strangled and stabbed to death in open countryside near the Trent and Mersey canal in Derbyshire.

defendant, his supparater, alleg-ing that the latter bad planned the killing, had strangled and stabbed her repeatedly, the sec-ond defendant only inflicting superficial wounds because he was in fear of his stepfather.

acquittal in 1978 until July 1985 the plaintiff and her family

continued the campaign to per-suade the authorities to pros-ecute the first defendant. It was at that latter time that for the first time the plaintiff consulted

Nicholis, QC and Mr Graham Grant, of the Hong Kong Ber, for the government of Hong-Kong; Mr John Laws and Mr Stephen Richards for the sec-

LORD JUSTICE MANN

said that in the course of an earlier habeas corpus applica-tion by the same applicant the Divisional Court on October 5, 1989 had ordered disclosure of

nine documents sought by the

Those documents included

confidential Telexes between

the Hong Kong government, the Malaysian High Commission applications for habeas corpus and the Foreign and Common concerned liberty the weight to and there was no reason why a wealth Office, relating to the be attached to the interests of

weath Office, relating to the applicant's extradition to Hong Kong on fraud charges which had been the subject of three unsuccessful habeas committed on June 1, 1987 under section 7(5) of the Function Office are 1967.

The secretary of state sought to expunge references to the documents on the ground that

they were subject to public interest immunity and/or were

There was some doubt, however, in the correspondence between the solicitors concerned

in the matrimonial proceedings as to whether, in relation to 405 and 450 High Street, the prop-erties or their contents only were intended to be freed by the order

disclosed the infinitions entered against them. However, on November 18, 1988, the husband produced a copy of the June 16 order and on the strength of that order the solicitor advised the defendant to disregard the inhibitions and

proceed with completion of the

mortgages on the High Street properties.

Altham Terrace was effected on November 16, 1988 and

Completion of the sale of 3

gitive Offenders Act 1967.

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which required such an action to be brought within three years from the pisintiff's date of knowledge that, inter alia, the relevant injury was significant, and that it was attributable to the acts of the defendants.

Section 14 provided that such knowledge included knowledge which the plaintiff might reasonably have been expected to acquire from, inter alia, appropriate expert advice, but that she should not be fixed with knowledge of a fact ascertainable only with the help of expert advice so long as she had taken all reasonable steps to obtain

Mr Scrivener had submitted

Mr Scrivener had submitted that she did not have the requisite knowledge contemplated by section 14 until 1985 when she first received legal advice in respect of a civil claim. He further submitted that it was only then that she acquired the necessary knowledge with the labor of that legal expert advices. necessary knowledge with the help of that legal expert advice. His Lordship did not accept that argument. The plaintiff did not require expert advice in order to invest her with the necessary knowledge contemplated by section 14. She was careful of acquiring that hereif

capable of acquiring that herself, capable of acquiring that herself, and did so by the conclusion of the second defendant's mal in 1978. Section 14 therefore did not avail her and the action could only proceed if the court found it equitable pursuant to section 33 of the Act.

That section gave a wide discretion to the court the exercise of which always depended on the individual circumstances of the individual case, although section 33(3) provided a mandatory requirement that the court should have regard to the matters listed in paragraphs (a) to (f): in particular (a) the length of and the individual case, although section 33(3) provided a mandatory requirement that the court should have regard to the matters listed in paragraphs (a) to (f): in particular (a) the length of and the

the subject. He regarded Amand
v Home Secretary and Minister
of Defence of Royal Netherlands
Government ([1943] AC 147) as
decisive authority for the crim-

inal character of such proceedings.

The seminal cases in public interest immunity did not refer at all to criminal proceedings.

and expressed the principles in general terms. His Lordship

general terms. His Lordship could see no reason why those principles should not apply to

principles should not apply to criminal proceedings.

The application of the doctrine would involve a different balancing exercise in criminal proceedings, weighing the public interest in non-disclosure against the interests of justice. Where the interests of justice concerned liberty the weight to be attached to the interests of

case outweighed the considerations of public interest spo-ken to in the certificate.

in assessing that side of the balance, his Lordship would ask

whether the document to which the certificate related was ma-

terial to the proceedings.

Materiality would depend on
the purpose for which it was said.

Livesey, QC and Mr Rupert
Mayo for the first defendant, Mr
Colin Rimer, QC and Mr
Edward Cousins for the second
defendant.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL
referred to the facts of the case,
in particular that on April 3.

limitation period, (e) the extent to which the plaintiff acted no which the plaintiff acted promptly and reasonably once it was known whether the defendant's relevant act might be capable of giving rise to an action for damages and (f) the steps taken by the plaintiff to obtain, inter alia, legal and other expert advice and the assure of their advice. judgment.

His Lordship found the argu-

The delay between the expiration of the primary limitation period and the issue of the writ was over six years. In many cases that factor would be crucial, since delay could lead to fading recollections and the disappearance of evidence to the extent that a fair trial could not be had. That was not the present

The answer to the question Who killed Lynn Siddons?"
would not depend on the accuracy of snyone's recollection, but essentially on the extent to which the first and second defendants were telling the truth which the first and second defendants were telling the truth or lying. There was no room for mistaken recollection when the conflict thus far had been so STATE.

Despite the passage of time, his Lordship did not accept that a fair and accurate resolution of the conflict between the first and second defendants could not be achieved. In the case of the second defendant the very na-ture of his defence in the civil proceedings would necessarily involve an admission of liability to a limited extent, because on any view, he assaulted the victim.

good faith on the part of the

on an earlier interlocutory application that the documents

were not material for that

view in the scales the balance came down decisively in favour

of public interest immunity.
The court had been referred to

lege in regard to information leading to the detection of

In those cases there were

It had been submitted that because the documents had

been disclosed in the third habeas corpus application, the public interest immunity had evaporated, the cat having been

purpose. With that expres

and man the probabilities being that both defendants were impecuations, state funds, in the form of the legal and granted to all parties, should not be expended so as to obtain little more than a declaratory independent.

ment unattractive. What was alleged against them was a tort of intent, the inability of such a defendant to meet a judgment after a finding against him of such a tort did not seem a legitimate reason for preventing a blamcless plaintiff from pursu-ing a civil claim for damages. There was no prejudice to a legally aided defendant if he legally anoth describant it he were sued to judgment simply because he was legally aided. In any event there was some evidence that both defendants were gainfully employed and with a judgment payable by instalments at least some financial benefit micht accept to the

cial benefit might accrue to the hinuif. His Lordship bore in mind that the plaintiff had obtained legal aid, which she would not have done, if the legal aid authorities had not considered that it was reasonable for her to

The judge had misdirected himself in concluding that the cogency of the evidence was likely to be diminished by the delay and that the plaintiff was responsible, and by inference culpable for the delay. That entitled the appellate court to intervene, and exercise a fresh discretion.

In his Lordship's view it would be equitable to allow the action to proceed.

The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Nourse delivered judgments concurring in the

Solicitors: Seifert Sedley Williams; Buckle Mellows, Peter-borough; Hunt & Coombs,

Public interest immunity doctrine applies in crime cases

Regina v Governor of Mr Mark H. Lomas and Mr bear corpus did not end in the plicant had made perfectly plans Pentonville Prison and Oth- John Mok, of the Hong Kong establishment of guilt or inno- that the documents were required to demonstrate a lack of the policant had made perfectly plans that the documents were required to demonstrate a lack of the policant had made perfectly plans that the documents were required to demonstrate a lack of Mr Laws had argued that the applicant was either prevented by an issue estoppel from saying that the nine documents were Hong Kong government. Mr Justice Legant had held relevant, or could not do so as it would be an abuse of the process

of the court.

There was no peculiarity of issue estoppel with regard to habeas corpus applications. Mr Justice Legant's decision was made on an interlocutory

In his Lordship's judgment that firet did not dumble it from a series of cases arising from Marks v Beyfus ((1890) 25 QB-494) which established a privian ability to give rise to an issue estoppel. There was no reason in principle why an issue in an interlocutory application should not be treated as would any

In his Lordship's judgment the privilege could not prevail if the evidence was necessary to prevent a miscarriage of justice. In such cases no balancing there was an issue estoppel, since the ineligibility of the nine be attached to the interests of justice was plainly very great indeed.

The question was whether the interests of justice in a particular case outweighed the considerable particular case of public policy. application for discovery. The estopped could have been avoided by the production of new material, but none had been

produced. The applicant could not now be heard to argue that the documents were relevant. Such an argument would be an abuse of the process having regard to the previous argument and the

Mr Justice Garland agreed. Solicitors: Evershed Wells & Hind; CPS, HQ; Macfarlanes; Treasury Solicitor.

evaporation, the can miving been let out of the bag. However, the documents had never been read in open court and the degree of their dissemination had been small. e struck out. His Lordship said that al. to be deployed. Mr D. Martin Thomas, QC, though an application for he In the present case the ap-Landlord can occupy Discharge of injunction did not protect sale of property room without sleeping there

For the purposes of section 12 of the Reut Act 1977 (tenants of resident landlords not to be protected tenants under section i), the fact that a room occupied by the landlord did not contain a cooker did not prevent the room being a "dwelling house", and the fact that the landlord did not sleep there did not prevent his occupying it "as his residence".

residence".

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Bingham) so held on November 23 when diamissing an appeal by the tenant, Kevin McNamser, from an order for preserving of a from an order for possession of a ground-floor flat in Drakefield

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the landlord kept almost all his possessions in the room retained by him at the premises. Although he took meals there he wind to illness he cooker, and owing to illness he did not sleep there, but he spent The more fact that the land-

The mere fact that the land-lord did not want to cook and so had no cooker did not prevent his room being a "dwelling house". It was established by long authority that occupancy "as his residence" meant occu-pancy "as his home", which was a question of fact and degree, and the fact that the landlord did not sleep in his room did not ground-floor flat in Drakefield and the fact that the landlord did not sleep in his room did not by Judge Sumner in Wands worth County Court in favour of the landlord, Oliver Rees Palmer.

and the fact that the landlord did not sleep in his room did not necessarily entail that the room was not his residence. The judge's conclusion was correct in all the circumstances.

Condition on criminal case assets order

in to O and Angines Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson

[Judgment November 21] An order requiring the disclo-sure of assets made in connec-tion with a restraint order under the Criminal Justice Act 1988 was collateral to criminal proceedings and accordingly did not arise in a criminal cause or matter. Any appeal from such an order therefore came within the jurisdiction of the Court of

Invisdiction to make a disciosure order was inherent in the 1988 Act to ensure the workability of the restraint order. However the Act did not abrogate the common-law rule against self-incrimination, and to obtain full compliance with a disclosure order a condition was to be attached to it providing that the material so disclosed was not to be used as evidence in a forthcoming prosecution upon a criminal offence against the party giving disclosure or his SPOUSC,

The Court of Appeal so held allowing in part an appeal by the applicants from Mr Justice Macberson who had made an order requiring disclosure of their assets on their application to vary a restraint order under section 77 of the 1988 Act. Mr Timothy Sisley for the applicants, Mr Walter Aylen, QC and Mr Andrew Mitchell for

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that essentially the issue as to jurisdiction was whether the order under appeal was a judgment in a criminal cause or matter or merely a judgment collateral to such a matter. If in the former category the court had no jurisdiction, but if in the latter, it had. The jurisdiction to make re-straint orders under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986

was mirrored by that under the Criminal Justice Act 1988 and a decision in relation to one Act would apply equally to the The outstanding feature of the

legislation was the clear dichotomy made between sections 71 to 75 of the 1988 Act which conferred on crown courts and magistrates' courts jurisdiction to make confiscation orders in criminal proceedings and provided for enforcement procedures the confiscation of t dures thereafter, and sections 76 to 82 which conferred jurisdic-tion on the High Court to make restraint and charging orders designed to preserve assets on which the orders of the criminal the regime provided by sections be subject to an order compli-76 to 82 was wholly collateral to the criminal regime provided by incriminate him.

in character. Were it otherwise, third parties such as banks would be left with no avenue of appeal if they were aggrieved at the orders of the High Court. Having held that the Court of Appeal had jurisdiction, the

next question was whether the judge had jurisdiction to make the order under appeal. The 1988 Act contained no provisions expressly empowering the High Court to make any such order but in his Lordship's judgment it was inherent in the

His Lordship referred to the similar question which arose in the context of Mareva injunc-tions where orders for the disclosure of assets were frequently made.

In A. J. Bekhor & Co Ltd v Bilton ([1981] QB 923, 940) the Court of Appeal had held that it was inherent in the power granted by section 45 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925 (now section 37 of the Supreme Court Act 1981) that the High Court should also have "power to should also have "power to make such ancillary orders as appear to the court to be just and convenient, to ensure that the exercise of the Mareva jurisdiction is effective to achieve 113

purpose" (per Lord Justice Ackner).

Equally, in his Lordship's judgment, the High Court must have been intended to have power to render effective a restraint order and a variety and a contractive and a variety order and a variety order and a variety order and a variety order. restraint order made under section 77 of the 1988 Act.

His Lordship referred to provisions in section 77 which dictated that there should be some means of identifying and ascertaining the whereabouts and the value of assets affected by the restraint order and that need was reinforced when it was realised that, whatever the posion in an individual case, the legislative contemplation was that restraint orders would be made in circumstances in which it was thought that some of those having interests in the property might well be of a dishonest disposition. His Lordship therefore had no

doubt that there was jurisdiction to make an order for disclosure in the nature of that made in the instant case. But the power conferred by section 77(1) was discretionary and Parliament expressly contemplated that it might well be appropriate that a restraint order should be made subject to conditions and

exceptions. The present appellants had submitted that they were entitled in some way or other to be protected from the risk of selfwith the disclosure order. courts might bite at a later stage. It was part of the common law in his Lordahip's judgment of England that no man should

Thus where in civil proceedings a defendant was ordered to answer interrogatories, it was a valid reason for refusing to comply with the order if, and to the extent, that he could reasonably claim that to do so would involve a risk of self-incrimina-

varied or overruled by statute, but it required clear words, or even clearer implication, to achieve that result particularly where so old and fundamental a freedom was involved.

His Lordship referred to section 14 of the Civil Evidence Act

1968 and to section 31(1) of the Theft Act 1968 where Par-liament had addressed the problem, solving it in different ways. The appellants faced charges under the Theft Act in respect of which section 31 might well give them sufficient protection. But they also faced conspiracy

charges in relation to which it would be ineffective. His Lordship could not construe section 77 or any other relevant provision of the 1988 Act as abrogating the common-law rule against self-incrimination. The appellants could therefore be entitled to refuse to comply with the disclosure order if and in so far as to do so might tend to incremente them.

That would or might frustrate the purpose of the order and, if there were no way round the problem, might suggest that Parliament had impliedly var-However, there was a sol-

ditions on the use which might be made of the affidavits sworn in compliance with the order. An appropriate condition which should be inserted in all orders for disclosure in aid of a restraint order would read: "No disclosure made in compliance with this order shall

be used as evidence in the prosecution of an offence alby the person required to make that disclosure or by any spouse of that person." The court had been told that

another case the CPS had been required to give an undertaking limiting the class of person to whom the disclosed information could be given and the purposes for which it could His Lordship did not wish to

be taken to criticise such an approach, but he considered it preferable to impose a condition in the order rather than to seek an undertaking.

His Lordship would allow the appeal to the extent of imposing the condition, but no further. Lord Justice Glidewell delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson

Solicitors: Martin Cray & Co.

Serving writ out of jurisdiction with defective affidavit

Walton Insurance Ltd ▼ where leave had been given Destchese Ruck (UK) Reinsur- upon one cause of action to Destchse Ruck (UK) Reinsurance Co Ltd and Another Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Balcombe and

Lord Justice Leggan [Judgment November 20] Where upon an application for extended to the present case leave to issue a writ and to serve where there had been no change notice on a party out of the jurisdiction, a verifying affida-vit was defective and might not fulfill the statutory require-

ments of Order 11, rule 4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, it was a manter of discretion for the judge at first instance whether or not to allow that

whether or not to allow that service to stand.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of Gny Carpenter Co Inc. insurance brokers in New York, against the dismisal by Mr. Justice Steyn on March 7, 1989 of their application to est acid of their application to set axide the decision of Mr Justice Hirst on July 13, 1988 to grant leave to the plaintiffs, Walton Insurance Ltd, to issue and to serve a writ of summons upon them out of the invision set. them out of the jurisdiction as second defendants as being a proper and necessary party to the proceedings in the plaintiffs' action against the first defen-dants, Deutchse Ruck (UK) Reinsurance Ltd.

Mr Stephen Tomlinson, QC and Mr Stephen Hofmeyr for Carpenter, Mr Peter Irvin for Walton.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that recent authorities had applied but had not extended the principle of Parker v Schuller ([1901] TLR 299) that

issue a writ and to serve notice thereof out of the jurisdiction, leave could not be then ex-tended to any new cause of That principle was not to be

in either the cause of action or to any of the grounds in the application to serve.
The only change had been a change in the motivation of the plaintiffs for proceeding against the second defendants and the

judge had been entirely correct to allow the service to stand.

agreeing, said that although the verifying affidavit might not have fulfilled the statutory requirements of Order 11, rule 4, the affidavit had clearly stated the grounds upon which the application to serve notice out of the jurisdiction had been made and it was within the discretion of the judge at first instance to decide whether or not to allow that service to

Lord Justice Balcombe agreed. Solicitors: Holman Fenwick

Evidence of dumping of waste necessary

Justices could not convict a defendant of the offence of failing to furnish information to the relevant authority, contrary to section 93(3) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974, without hearing evidence linking the defendant to the substantive offence of illegally dumping waste contrary to section 3(3). The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Otton)

so held on November 13 when quashing the conviction of J. B. & M. Motor Haulage Ltd Feb-

J. B. & M. Motor Haulage Ltd.

v London Waste Regulation
Authority

counts of failing to comply with section 93 of the 1974 Act in that it refused to furnish the London Waste Regulation Authority thority with information which pursuant to that section

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that there had been an evidence before the justices which linked the appellant to the substantive offence of the illegal dumping of waste con-trary to section 3(3) of the 1974

That being so, there could be no offence on the part of the appellant of failing to provide information to the authority, contrary to sertion 93(3), with regard to the substantive of-

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LORD JUSTICE BUTLER.
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The whole of the circum-stances had to be considered in relation to the disposition of

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The presence of the in-hibitions correctly raised ques-tions in the defendant's solicitor's mind. The defendant, as the judge found, knew in some detail of the matrimonial dispute between the husband and wife. It would have been simple to ask the wife's solic-itors what the citatrian was mich

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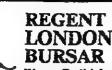
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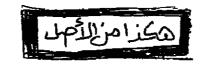
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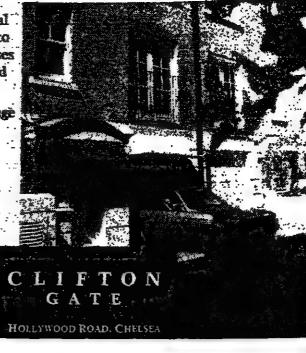
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One answer is to call in the relocation agent, a specialist company which takes on the work of ensuring that the move goes smoothly, from selling the house (or at least taking over responsibility for it) to finding the next home, and providing all the services needed in between.

The relocation agent comes in all sizes, ranging from those catering for individuals who do not have time to look for a suitable home, to those for companies moving their entire

PHH Homequity, a leading independent specialist, based in Swindon, Wiltshire, believes that companies can pay up to 25 per cent more than necessary to move employees if they do it themselves rather than use a relocation agent.

Patrick Montgomery, the president of PHH Homequity, says that, in the past two years, the costs of moving key staff have trebled, bringing the price of a fully subsidised move to about £35,000, if bridging interest, loss of market value and other charges

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Selling your home and buying another

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move can be agony. Christopher Warman

looks at agency

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are all included in the final bill. Companies are trying to cut back on employee moves in the face of soaring costs, but certain moves are inevitable, and to attract and retain staff, employers are now having to extend relocation assistance to groups which previously did not qualify, such as junior managers, technicians and graduate recruits.

The main concern about moving is the rapid rise in the cost of bridging loans over extended periods, particularly in the case of more expensive executive homes which are taking longest to sell, Mr

Montgomery says.

The latest CBI estimate of the average cost of an employee move without bridging finance is about £14,500, including estate agency fees, other professional charges, house-hunting expenses, temporary accommodation and removal bills. Allowing for bridging finance, the cost increases by £11,000, for example, on a £100,000 house taking eight months to sell.

With prices still falling in the property market in many areas, companies which reimburse employees for any shortfall against the market value at the time of moving could incur even greater costs. Thus, in a falling market, an employer who fully subsidises an employee selling a £100,000 house could pay out the £14,500 basic cost plus £11,000 for bridging and a further £10,000 for the loss on selling the home — a total of £35,500.

Mr Montgomery's PHH Home-quity calculates that it can save nearly a quarter of this sum by a combination of efficient marketing to sell the house more quickly, discounts on the professional fees and by freeing companies from the administrative time and costs involved.

The small scale relocation is exemplified by Emily Anson Relocation, which works for both corporate and private clients, mainly in London and surrounding areas, but also branching out into France.

Ms Anson says this is a frustrating time. "There is not much quality property on the market, and buyers are always finding reasons not to buy."

uring the past few years, the emphasis for in-dividuals and companies has been on buying a house or flat, but now they are renting because of high interest rates. The difficulty is that there is

not sufficient property of high quality to rent. In the boom times property was presented in very good condition because the owners knew that it would justify the cost by capital appreciation as well as the rental charged," she says.

"Now, there is no certainty about capital appreciation in the short term and some owners are not spending the money in doing up the property. The result is a shortage of the sort of property that people want." Another option is the property

exchange company, which at-tempts to match those who want to move to each other's addresses. National Property Exchange (NPE), established for two years, is handling 3,500 relocation requests by computer, and charges a basic £22 for a listing. Valerie Jones, of NPE, says the

system is an alternative to the estate agency. Details: PHH Homequity, 0793 887000; Emily Anson, 071-938 2222; National Property Ex-change, 0705 754985. something extra: a viaduct in the grounds. The viaduct is a



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derelict and in need of urgent rescue. The main house has nine rooms on the ground floor and 11 rooms on the first floor, and, despite its sorry state, retains many of its original features, Jackson—Stops & Staff, the agent, says. There are two listed, 17th century barns in the grounds. The property will be sold at auction next month, with a price guide of more than £200,000 for the house and £100,000-£150,000 for the two barns.

Viaduct Villa is an early Victorian country house set in eight acres in the wooded Cober Valley at Lowerton, near Heiston, Cornwall, with that little grounds. The vacuus is a monument to the age of steam, and was once part of the now closed Helaton to Gwinear Road branch line of the Western

Region. The grounds, which have a river frontage, also contain a former water mill and barn, both

IN THE MARKET

suitable for conversion. Built in 1840, with a rear wing added later in the century, the house has been restored, and includes two reception rooms and three bedrooms. Miller & Co's waterside and country homes department at Truro is asking £230,000.

Exeleigh South is the principal wing of a substantial.

early Georgian, Grade II listed house at Starcross, eight miles from Exeter, in Devon. Built of Bath stone, Exeteigh, which adjoins the Powderham estate, is now divided into five houses, with Exeleigh South overlooking the Exe estuary

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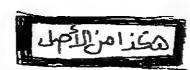
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Business looks to Europe to beat the recession

ven the most optimistic people in the commercial property business now dmit that the market is in recession, and will not improve for some time. This brings the opportunity, and the need, to look at other markets, so British companies are having to broaden their outlook to Europe.

A few resourceful companies

A MINERAL STREET

have already dived in, or at least put their toe in the water, but there is now a noticeable increase in interest in both western and eastern Europe.

The first MIPIM event, organ-ised by the French international market of property professionals. which aimed to provide an international property market, was held in March this year in Cannes, attracting more than 3,000 participants from 22 countries, and more than 200 exhibiting companies.

The organisers are planning a second MIPIM in the south of France at the same time next year, confident that developments, such as the booming office market in Paris and the unification of Germany, have opened new channels for expansion, both for attracting investment and for making contacts with overseas companies looking to established operations in the UK.

A few deals were done, but the event was essentially an inter-national talking shop. Its success has led to increased interest, and the organisers expect the second MIPIM to be 60 per cent bigger.

British companies are seeking new horizons in the east and south of the Continent as

the home market collapses, property

correspondent Christopher Warman reports

relates more to the rise of the south than to the demise of the

north. "The London, Frankfurt,

Paris triangle, with Brussels at its midst, shows every sign of remain-ing Europe's administrative, fi-nancial and business centre," the

report says. However, the sunbelt area already has an indisputable

track record for growth and is

likely to go on outperforming the economies of the three countries

(Spain, France and Italy) it spans."

taly has a gross domestic product that is smaller than those of Germany and France

but greater than Britain's, and

it is a leading economic power in Europe. Italy's industrial strength

lies in its northern regions, whereas Spain is looking to

Catalonia to match Italy's present productivity by 2025. Between

these two regions of the sunbelt

lies the fastest growing part of the French economy, the report says. Despite this potential, there is still the likelihood of labour

shortages in the Nineties, thanks to negligible migration into north-era Italy and Catalonia. High-tech

companies will therefore have to

More than 100 international com-More man 100 international com-panies have already signed up to exhibit, including Waterglade International Holdings, Chester-ton International, the Com-mission for the New Towns, Midland Bank, Abbey National, and the American banks Security Pacific and Coldman Sachs Pacific and Goldman Sachs. Eurotumnel is another company expected to attend.

Links with the International Council of Shopping Centers, which is holding its annual conference nearby in Nice at the same time, and the National Associ-ation of Corporate Real Estate Executives will also boost numbers. Further evidence of the spreading importance of Europe comes from a report published by Healey & Baker, the international consultant, on the "sunbelt" strip running from Barcelona to Trieste through the Côte d'Azure.

The report explains that the area's population of 30 million produces about a tenth of the wealth of the European Commu-nity. An area of high-tech production and services is emerging in

Terence Bendixson, the author of the report, says that, as in move nearer to the suppliers of skilled people, the big universities

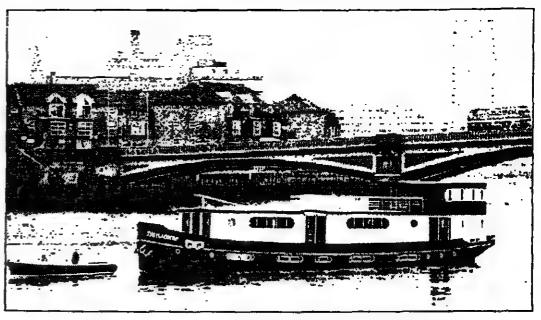
The other important consideration, transport, has brought improvements. The Spanish have even changed the gauge of their railways, so that by the end of the century the French, Spanish and Italian railways can run services at 250 kilometres per hour (150mph) from the Rhone valley, east and west to Nice and Barceloua, and from Lyous, through the Alps, to Turin and Milan.

The report concludes that the sunbelt area will be in competition with eastern Europe, but its specialisation in high technology, underpinned by political stability and the oracle of the constability and the oracle of the constability. and the quality of life, seems likely to continue to attract investors. Earlier this month, a European

by Jones Lang Wootton looked at prospects in eastern Europe in the light of the realisation that, while nent opportunities can and will be found, primarily in Hun-gary, Czechoslovakia and Poland, the commitment must be long-term. Developers generally see more immediate attractions than

Germany's investment capacity is now being directed mainly towards the former East Germany, resulting in less investment available for the markets of Spain and Italy,

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London Tideway Harbour Company, which
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on three decks, totals 2,600 sq ft, including a boardroom and room for up to 30 staff. The Flagship is being marketed by London Tideway and the agent John D. Wood, who suggest that it could become the London base of an international company, an architectural or design group, or an advertising agency headquarters. The price of this advertising agency headquarters. The price of this "office" is more than £400,000.

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bittz. The buildings consist of 12,634 sq ft of office space and are being offered by Beker Lorenz and Newton Perkins, the agents, at the unusually low rent of less than £19 per sq ft, with a 20-year full repairing and insuring lease.

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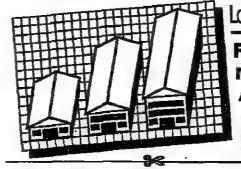
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England will find that one-day cricket may not be good for their soul but it is unarguably good for the bank account

Packer throws his weighty shadow over five-day game

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT BRISBANE

THE appearance of Kerry Packer at the Test match here last weekend served as a timely reminder of the agenda confronting the England side. In the fashion that Packer perpetrated a dozen years ago, it is one-day cricket followed by more one-day cricket. Not good for the soul, but unargu-ably good for the bank

Packer, wearing the hat of the hard-headed businessman rather than the cricket lover that coincidentally be is, perceived an untapped spectator market in overs cricket, brashly promoted and colourfully presented, preferably at night. The legacy of his imagination continues to attract droves of previously uninterested people into cricket grounds but also to threaten the future of traditional Test cricket.

In England, such a threat may seem remote but in Australia it is chronic. Last winter six Test matches drew only a little more than 200,000 spectators. The one-day internationals which make up the World Series Cup

(Hobart). Jeneeny: 1: Australia v England (Sydney); 10: Australia v England (Melbourne). Finals: 13: Sydney, 15: Melbourne, 17: (#

audiences, although by no means negligible for the Tests, tell a similar story and there are those here who predict that the time will come when fiveday cricket can no longer be sustained or justified. So far as the present

January 13 and 17.

they played in Pakistan.

training yesterday, concedes

that the coming weeks are not ideally tailored to his team's

requirements but insists that success in the World Series will be placed ahead of the

"It is a confidence-builder

to win whatever sort of game you play, because winning becomes a habit," he said.

"Most of the Test players will

be involved, anyway, and it is

just a case of getting everyone

On form, England and Australia ought to ensure that

the New Zealanders have a

quiet January at home while

the finals are played before big

crowds in Sydney and Mel-

bourne and to a crescendo of

ill-day jingles on television

and radio. If nothing else,

Packer has taught them how to

market the game here.

back into form."

need for Test preparation.

England side is concerned, tomorrow's launch of the latest World Series Cup. a grand name for a protracted programme of 50-over games involving three countries, is particularly unwelcome. A three-week confinement of one-day cricket is the last thing it needs when it has made such a grim start in the infinitely weightier Ashes

scheduling, dreamed up by the World Series Cup pulled in Australian Cricket Board and almost twice that. Television airily rubber-stamped by Australian Cricket Board and

Morris has chance to sharpen up

encitants practice match this week to help prepare for their first match in the World Series Cup on Saturday against New Zealand will give Hugh Morris an early chance at the wicket. Morris, the Glamorgan opener, arrived in Adelaide yesterday sifer helps suprepared so over er being summoned as cover

after being summoned as cover for the injured Graham Gooch. England will play a second match against a side from the Australian Cricket Academy in Adelaide on Friday in addition to the game tomorrow. "We are very pleased to have fixed up a match for Friday because it will enable us to give everyone at least one game before Saturday," Peter Lush, the tour manager, said.

After England's poor batting

at Brisbane, Morris must have a chance of playing in the World Series Cup at some stage during the qualifying round.

"This is my first time in Australis and I hope I can help out," Morris said. "I think my role has been fairly well defined. A lot depends on Graham's injury, but there's a possibility I could stay for the duration of the

John Wright, the New Zeaand opener, made 59 yesterday as his side beat New South Wales by seven wickets in a limited overs match in Woll-



Kapil Dev reaches target and helps Indians to victory

yesterday to belp India to inflict an innings defeat on Sri Lanka and himself to draw level with highest wicket-taker in Test cricket. India's victory, by an innines and eight runs, was their first in seven Tests under the captaincy of Mohammed

Kapil, who took his total of wickets to 376, bowled with much of his old fire against opponents who resumed on the fourth day at 125 for five with the sole aim of avoiding an innings defeat, but those hopes were quickly scuppered by the loss of three wickets in the first

Raju, the left-arm spinner, who opened the attack on a bazy morning, claimed two wickets in the same over before Kapil knocked back Labrooy's sumps to make it 136 for eight. Kapil struck again at the end of the innings with a delivery that Tillekaratne lofted to mid-on, where Shastri leaned to take the catch. Kapil threw his hands up in the air in celebration. Tillekaratne, playing in only his second Test match, was Sri Lanka's top scorer with 55 off 174 balls and had carried the innings for much of the time, but he could not shield his partners from the accurate Raju, aged 20.

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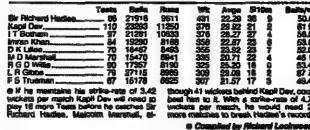
Tillekaratne eventually found an able partner in Maduru-single and they added 60 for the ninth wicket before Madurusinghe was yorked by Prab-hakar. Tillekarame's valiant effort ended two runs later. The teams now move to Nagpur where the first of three

one-day internationals is to be played on December 1. India then play host to Pakistan, who Tests and five one-day internationals

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Lancashire profits down by £200,000

By MARTIN SEARBY

LANCASHIRE's profits fell by almost £200,000 last year but they still managed to show a surplus of £107,000 in the report for the year ended last September, a sigure which will be surpassed by few, if any, of the Other 16 counties

The drop was accounted for by a fall in revenue from the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), down £40,000, a rise in liaries of £148,000 and a matches were down £40,000 and cricket expenses were up £62,000. There were compensaincrease in the profit made from catering, £247,825, and a further £28,000 in members' subs-

excess of £2 million, compared to less than £1 million four years ago. Bob Bennett, the chairman, said: "It is the third year running we have shown a profit and we have to be reasonably satisfied with the figures since the pre-

room for complacency and we have spent £500,000 on refurbishing to keep abreast of things and maintain our standards.

"Cricket has had the benefit of the banqueting business and the only disappointment is the drop in gate receipts considering we won the NatWest Trophy, the Benson and Hedges Cup and were second in the Sunday "However, last year's figures

were a little music we took £70,000 from three Sunday league fixtures which were all at home with us needing to win one of them to take the title. The corporation tax is a reflection of our successafter years of making losses." Derbyshire have offered a contract to Mark Crawley, the former Oxford University cap-tain. Crawley, aged 22, who finished 13th in the national averages with 69,27 last season, at his own request because they

Value of . four-day domestic contests

OVERSEAS CRICKET by SIMON WILDE

WITH Test matches taking place in Chandigarh, Faisalabad and Brisbane during the past week, domestic tournaments around the world have been in

The important role these competitions play, though, was only emphasised by events in the international sphere. While support continues to grow worldwide for all fixtures in national championships to be played over at least four days in order to help nurture top-class players, not one of the three Tests lasted until tea on the fourth day.

In India, for the first time, all matches in the Ranji Trophy are being staged over a minimum of four days. On Monday, Shantanu Sugwekar, who, in a match against Madhya Pradesh match against Madnya Fracts two years ago ran out of partners on 299, availed himself of the new opportunities to score a double century for Maharashtra against Baroda, last scason's

Delhi's prospects of regaining the trophy they have won five times in the past 12 years have been diminished by the

been diminished by the announcement at the weekend that Madan Lal is to retire. Madan Lal is to retire. Madan Lal, who is in his 40th year, played 39 Tests without once scoring a century or taking six wickets in an innings.

In Pakistan, United Bank have reached the Patron's Trophy final, which starts on Saturday, without the help of their leading bowler, Wakar Younis. He is unlikely to play a first-class match for them this season because of international commitments.

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Eastern Province, the holders, have reached the semi-finals of South Africa's 55 overs competition, the Nissan Shield. Kepler Wessels, their captain, struck 146 off 162 balls in the quarter-final first leg with Border. They now meet Western Province over two legs today Province over two legs today and Saturday. The other semi-final will be between Transvall and Orange Free State.

The availability of substitutes in the Shield is failing to have the desired effect. Netther attendances was province between the state of the state of

dances nor scoring have risen substantially, while sides that have not called on extra players, such as Orange Free State, have been beating those that have.

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The Tote Novices' Chase

Qualifier for Oliver Sherwood

on Mandraki Shuffle, who

finally got his act together at

Well that Fu's Lady,

Banbridge, and Ruststone

should all go in the Sidney

Phillips Handicap Chase, I

prefer to take a chance with

Spacial, even though be could

well start the outsider of four

and even though he has not

raced this season. A winner

first time out last term, he is

reported to be in equally good

dle should chiefly concern King's Shilling and Sweet

Glow, who both finished sec-

ond on their jumping debuts;

King's Shilling behind Crystal Beam at Plumpton a week ago

and Sweet Glow behind Corn-

The Marden Novices' Hur-

Taunton earlier this month.

Taxi On Target worth following

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

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A SALAR SERVE

Ha Charabble

PETER Niven, the widelyadmired Yorkshire-based jockey, who has ridden 25 winners already this season, can add to that tally by landing a double at Hexham today on Taxi On Target (12.45) and Shoon Wind (2.45).

The majority of Niven's winners have been for the Cleveland trainer, Mary Reveley, whose horses are clearly in fine form since she nas won ten races with her last 29 runners.

Now, Taxi On Target is napped to make a second contribution to that score by winning the Hexhamshire Novices' Chase.

It was over today's course and distance that he created such a favourable impression earlier this month when beat-

> 12,30 Sweet Glow. 1.00 Spacial

12.30 MARDEN NOVICES HURDLE (21,360: 2m) (17 runners)

149 MARINERS BERROR 18 (D.G) (Airs M Scudergore) M Scudergore 11-2.
ASSOLATUR 146F (P Ron) J Thomes 11-0.
ACCESS BUN 29F (M McShole) J King 11-0.
BURSLEM SEAU 6 (P Hemistry lates 5 Wilson 11-0.
ERCALL MILLER (D Pugn) K Winss 11-0.
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EKOAL MILLER (D Pugn) K Winss 11-0.

Going: good

Long handless: Special 9-13.



It is also pertinent to point Rein in that Kelso race.

for the David Evers Handicap Chase, was trained by Richard Beever last season but is now with Michael Hammond, who has made such a fine start to his new career since injury forced him to hang up his riding boots.

When The Maltkin won at Catterick on Monday, Hammond was enjoying his fif-teenth winner, which was his target for the whole season; and that after winning five races on the Flat in the

As Shoon Wind lost his way over fences last season, he now features on a reasonable mark in the handicap. An encouraging run over hurdles at Newcastle recently should

with Taxi On Target on the have primed him for this

Niven will also be hopeful out that Teacake, Gordon of winning the Racing Post Richards's representative, fin-Novices' Chase Qualifier for Richards's representative, fin-ished a long way behind Majic Mrs Reveley on Hey Rawley, who is clearly better than he Shoon Wind, my selection looked first time out this season at Sedgefield, where he was pulled up. In this instance, though, I prefer to take a chance with Sweet City, who was his superior over hurdles.

If Niven does land a double, he may well not be alone since the stylish Mark Dwyer has a clear chance of doing likewise on Newbolme Parm (1.15) and Stags Fell (3.15).

Newholme Farm, my selection for the Bellingham Novices' Hurdle, was still in with a chance of beating Icarus (a winner at Market Rasen on Saturday) when he stumbled and nearly fell on the flat between the last two hurdles at

Dunwoody choice leaves Bradley on Desert Orchid

RICHARD Dunwoody has chosen to nde Waterloo Boy in preference to Desert Orchid in the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown Park on Saturday.

the race itself much thought at this stage, there are still four days to go and plenty of other rides to think about before then."

Graham Bradley takes over on Desert Orchid, becoming only the fifth jockey to be associated with the grey in 64 starts over jumps. He follows Richard Linley, Colin Brown, Simon Sherwood and Dunwoody. Brian Rouse has ridden Desert Orchid on the Flat. Desert Orchid on the Flat.

Bradley, who enjoyed notable success during his association with Michael Dickinson, is an accomplished borseman whose talents have often been overshadowed by controversy. David Elsworth, however, has long been one of his greatest admirers.

Despite being given a free hand by Richard Burridge, the owner of Desert Orchid, Dunwoody delayed his decision to make certain that he would not endanger future rides on Desert Orchid by deserting him on this

"It was a difficult decision and I'm grateful to Desert Orchid's connections for being so understanding," Dunwoody said yesterday, "I haven't given

Dunwoody has made the predictable choice. Desert Orchid is not as potent a force over two miles as he is over longer distances, and that weakness is Compounded by his having to concede 16lb to the David Nicholson-trained Waterloo Boy, a specialist at the trip.

Waterloo Boy and Desert Orchid met on their seasonal reappearances at Devon earlier
this month when, at level
weights, Waterloo Boy unseated
jockey Jamie Osborue and
Desert Orchid finished six who is also an intended runner

Of the eight five-day accep-tors, only Desert Orchid (12 stone), Waterloo Boy (10st 12lb) and Sabin Du Loir (10st 8lb) will carry their correct weights in the limited handicap, which has a minimum weight of 10st

Armstrong, Richard Muddle, managing

time we have had a big name and, hopefully, the other star jockeys will follow suit."

race at Maisons-Laffitte yes-terday, on Dear Doctor, trained

Corals keep Waterloo Boy at 11-8 favourite, followed by Sa-bin Du Loir at 7-4 and Desert Orchid on 4-1.

Nervous Macree freezes in debut

SQUASH RACKETS

By COLIN McQUILLAN

NERVOUS debut by Rebecca Macree, the profoundly deaf Essex player who is thought likely to break into the English top ten this season, left Reebok Nottingham a point adrift of a Yellow Pages Caversham squad that looks strong enough on paper to mount two teams in the SRA Women's Super League.

Macree has emerged at the age of 19 as an improving contender with an unusually individual approach that owes much to the enforced isolation of her hearing league season as a reserve in the Cannons squad and benefitted from both the physical training

from both the physical training available there and the tactical imput of Neil Harvey, the Cannons coach and captain.

Against Flavia Roberts, a small but tough 29-year-old born in Brazil but now based in Southampton, playing at third string for Lee on Solent this week, Macree's hopes of translating that London apprenticeship into a winning performance froze.

Roberts, whose competitive

Roberts, whose competitive record is too occasional even to rate a place on the England ranking last, won 10-8, 9-1, 9-6 in 35 minutes to salvage an unexpected point for Lee on Solent in the face of powerful Nottingham performances from Lisa Opie and Susanne Horner against Lucy Soutter and Linda Charman, "I think a new girl is entitled

to one frozen performance,"
Philip Songhurst, the Notting-ham team manager said. "We will give Rebecca another run against IMS Courtlands next week before getting too excited." Certainly, another failure would be serious for Macree against the Essex side that, sull awaiting the arrival of its two Australian stars, Liz Irving and Polyma I ambourse could only Robyn Lambourne, could only provide an obviously unfit Ruth Strauss at third string this week against the burgeoning talents of Sue Wright of Yellow Pages Caversham.
The Berkshire side took maxi-

mum points this week with Danielle Drady, the top Austra-lian, and Rebecca Best, the Irish No. I, at the top of the order, and Marune Le Moignan, the former world champion, and Sarah FitzGerald, the former jumor world champion, sull juinior world champion, still waiting on the reserve list.
RESULTS: Rebook Notinghum 2. Lie on Scient I (I, Ope to L Scient 9-7, 9-2, 9-4; S Homer bt L Crammen, 9-2, 9-1, 19-8, R Macree lost to F Roberts, 6-12, 1-9, 6-9, Yellow Pages Caverstern 3, IMS Courtands of (D Drady to F Geovee 9-0, 9-4, 9-5, R Best bt S Langley, 10-8, 9-5, 9-5; S Wright to R Strauss, 9-3, 8-1, 8-4).

Piggott turns his hand to all-weather racing LESTER Piggott is to get his Brown As A Berry for his wife, first taste of English all-weather Susan, and Native Magic for his brother-in-law, Robert three booked rides at Southwell.

The Midlands course has been staging Flat racing on its fibresand surface for just over a year and, while attracting large fields and fair crowds, the top the characteristics have been constructed. jockeys have been conspicuous

Pat Eddery, Steve Cauthen Piggott won the listed Prix le and Wilhe Carson have so far Fabuleux, the most valuable declined to ride, so Piggott's decision can be seen as a vote of confidence in the course.

Piggott partners Gazety for booked mount, Invereil, was a lrish trainer Tommy Stack, non-runner.

Fence move possible

THE third-last fence on Cheltenham's old course, which claimed the lives of two experienced chasers on Mackeson the course, said yesterday: "We the course, said yesterday: "We will be looking at the siting of Gold Cup day, could be moved before the National Hunt Festithe lence and every other aspect of it to try and reduce the val in March (Phil McLennan chances of an accident. A date for the meeting has not yet been

Jockey Club officials, trainers, jockeys and racecourse staff are to meet next month to discuss fixed but I'm anxious to set it up before Christmas." the problems presented by the downhill fence at which Buckdownhill fence at which Buckfast Abbey and Alsoui were put
down on November 10.

The meeting was called the festival. Both January meetfollowing an examination of the

enquiry over camphor test

time involving a horse from Richard Hannon's stable. Traces of the outlawed sub-stance were found in a sample of urine taken from Flown after the horse had won at Newmarket on August 11. Hannon believes the source of the campbor is a shampoo, which until then had been used occasionally to wash down his borses after exercise. No date has been fixed for a No date has been fixed for a hearing but Hannon has engaged Matthew McCloy, the solicitor who represented the Aga Khan during the long-running Aliysa inquiry which also centred on the presence of a

Hannon faces Forster waits on target for Pegwell Bay

if the fence is repositioned, it

THE Jockey Club has confirmed it is to hold another camphor-related enquiry, this time involving a horse from Richard Hannon's stable.

Traces of the outlawed sub-traces of the outlaw King George VI Rank Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day.

Panto Prince vied for the lead with Pegwell Bay from the start but was a spent force three out, and the race developed into a duel between Pegwell Bay and Comandante, the former staying Comandante, the former staying on the better to win by a length. Forster was full of praise for his nine-year-old, saying: "He was terribly brave and was given an exceptional ride by Jamie Railton." Forster does not consider that Pegwell Bay truly gets three miles so has no firm plans recently this next race.

camphor derivative in the horse's urine. regarding his next race.

Huntingdon

Going: good
1.245 (2m 100yd hdie) 1, SUPERETTA
(M.Ahem, 7-2, 2, Ludy Primrose (J. Ryen,
25-1), 3, Astrid Bilberto (T. Jervis, 10-1),
ALSO RAN 7-4 Fer Castsanne (Sin), 11-2
Top Liner (Sin), 10 Freety Deaty (pul), 17
Rustanes, 12 Star Lescer (eth), 14
Rocky's Mete (pul, 25 Senous Skie (pul),
23 Breety Satior, Parricts Bridger (pul), 12
ran, 6, 2, 31, 124, ns. J. Jenkins at
Roysson, Tota 65.00, 62.10, 67.20, 62.50,
0F 651-40 CSF: £79.10, Winner bought
in to 3.200gms.

21.00. DF: 24.90. CSF: 25.17.
2.46 (am ch) 1. FARMLEA BOY (R
Guest, 11-2): 2. Trusty Friend (N Williamson, 11-4); 3. Beckgancher (M Perrott, 331) ALSO RAKE, 7-4 few The Humber Titler (5m), 5. Stris At The Gan (pul), 6. Aberroy (4m), 16. Sum insured (pul) 7 ran. 21, 254, 10., 30. G. Betching at Weythat Total 22.49; 25.30, 22.10. DF, 210.20. CSF, 220.58. E3.30, 62.10 DF, 210.20 CSF, 220.58.

3.16 (2m 100)d helig 1, SADRAKHANS
(J. Witte, 11-2), 2, Sound Of Intely (H. Davies, 13-8 lev); 3, Sinc Ply (Jacqui)
Oliver, 9-4), ALSO RAN: 9-2 Deally Scort
Soon (5m), 11 Ecote Nyto (8m), 12 Cento
Berne 25 Normern Berny (4m), 10 Rower
Of Timern, 68 Arrow Express, 9 ran; 2%, hd, 151, 68, 51, hr Henderson at Letinoum,
Toke: 83.20; 21 80, 21 40, 21 20, DF; 20, 20, CSF, 215, 47, Treaser, 225, 17.
Placepoole 1301, 781.

Newton Abbot

Placepot: £301.7/L

Going: good to soft

1.0 (2m 150yd ch) 1, SEATON GIRL (J
Frost. 4-1): Z. Now Bajasett (A Majholland, 11-4 (sv), 3. Seaf Ald (5 Burrougn,
20-1). ALSO RAM: 3 Toss Linking (6m), 6
Monestra (4m), 7 Good 'N Sout (6m), 14
Vissana. 7 ran, Millumari: Snowy Auturn. nit, 12l, 25l, hi, 8l R Frost at
Bucktesneigh. Town: 23,20; p1 60, p1 80.
DE: 25.20. CSF: 214,04. Troser. 2157.39.

Yesterday's results Whood Corner (4th), 20 Priory Bey (ur), 25 Special Reserve (p.), 40 Go-Co-Sam, Throncoff (ur), Arcaz Ele (6th), 15 ran NR; March Above 101, 11, 101, 154, 71 Mrs A Kregnras Cubenpion Tone £12 70 £3 50, £13 00, £2,70. DF, £590.00. CSF, £325.22. No bid.

No bid.

2.0 (3m 2i 100yd ch) 1, CHATAM (J. Lower, 4-6 fav; Michael Seely's mag); 2, 8ch Tledae (J. Adgerts, 14-1); 3, Lest House (D. Gallagher, 7-2) ALSO RAN-7-2 Compartners (pu), 50 General Chryson (4m); 65 Franchy Herry (f), 6 ran. NR; Brasnicus, 151, 8, 251, M. Pipe at Wellington, Tote C1, 150; 51.30, E4.10. DP; 59.70, CSF: 29.73.

OF SS1 40 CSF: £79.10. Winner bought in for 3.200gms.

1.15 (2m of ch) 1, EARL SCHAM (D Murphy, 12-1), 2, Ascentraz (H Devree, 33-1), 3, Squeece Play (R Ganet, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-10 lav Dare Say (f). 5 Gemetham's 18) (f), 10 Cathy Corpor (6h), Moreumental Lad (bd), 12 Sheephaven (Bitt), 16 Caspun Flyer (but, Shah's Choice (f), 50 Attractive (4th), Pry's-Joy (f), Linie Hormest, Coxemn (ref), Sir Brenton (bd), 15 an. 15, 71, 191, sh hot, sh had F Maurphy at Woodbridge, Toes F10.70; 20 (b, 25.50), 23.20. DF: £375.90. CSF: £291.37.

1.45 (2m 4f hdie) 1, DUO DROM (M Lynch, 9-4), 2 Coxets Leven LJ Ostome, 3-1), 3, Breedwood Forest (N Coleman, 33-1), ALSO RAN: 5-2 p-lav Butters (1), 25 Sity Sausage (6th), 14 Furmore (4m), 20 Ganthy (4th), 6 ran, 4, 1, 12 Sity Sausage (6th), 14 Furmore (4m), 20 Ganthy (4th), 6 ran, 4, 1, 10, 23 Coxets Believe, 150, 150, 21, 20, 21,

Coursess Seliconey (5th), 11 fran. % (20), 48 8, 61 Mars D Heane at Newmenter. Total: 53.40; 17.50, 21.40, 24.80. DF: 54.90. CSF: 210.04.
2.15 (2m 41 ch) 1, PEGWELL BAY (J Ralton, 11-10 fey); 2, Costenderse (E MacCrisey, 9-2), 3, Costely Osle (D Murphy, 25-1), ALSO RAN, 2 Parmo Prince (4th), 2 Sen (5th), Young Huster (4th), 25-21, ALSO RAN, 2 Parmo Prince (4th), 80 CSF: 30.17.
2.45 (2m ch) 1, FARMLEA BOY (R Quest, 11-2); 2, Trusty Freed (N Williamson, 11-4); 3, Backpacker (M Perrot, 35-1), ALSO RAN, 2 Parmo Prince (14-10), 11-40; 3, Backpacker (M Perrot, 35-10), Rodin's Girl (pu), 18 Cass M Less (pu), Rodin's Girl (pu), 19 Cass M Less (pu Placepot: E48.20.

Stratford

1.0 (2m ch) 1. Setter Country (W trvine, 49 text; 2. Fuego Boy (13-2): 3. See Gergen (11-4) 3 ren 20, 151 ff Hooges Toss £1 40 0F: \$2.70. CSF. \$3.06. 1.30 (2m hole) 1, bare Doorse (L. Harney, 4-1); 2. Spertor Gebe (7-4 tev); 3. Area Willow (33-1), 12 ran, NR. Plying Junction 151, 51 & Akaruss; Toak: 25.00; 22.00. 21.80 E3.80. DF. 25.50. CSF: \$10.89. 23.21.

3.0 (2m holie) 1. Marci As Iron (T Kant, 9-2) 2. Boto Musson (7-1), 3. Oliveston (7-9, 2) 2. Boto Musson (7-1), 3. Oliveston (7-9, 17-10), 5. Compared. Tone: 25.20; 22.40; 21.40; 22.40; 21.4 **RUGBY LEAGUE**

Prestige move for amateurs

By KEITH MACKLIN

AMATEUR rugby league fol-lows up the prestige success of the Australian tour with a great occasion of its own, a visit from the Queen, on Friday. The Queen will go to Huddersfield to open officially

Huddersfield to open officially the new headquarters of the British Amateur Rugby League Association at a lunchtime ceremony. She will then have lunch with officials of both the professional and amateur game, among whom will be Ron McGregor, Secretary of the International Board of Rugby League, who files in from New Zealand today.

The new headquarters are in a Victurian detached house, converted at a cost of £250,000. The site was chosen because it is in

site was chosen because it is in the centre of Huddersfield and overlooks the George Hotel, where rugby league was born in 1895 with the historic break-away of 22 northern clubs from the Rugby Football Uzion. It was in 1973 that a handful of small league amateur, leagues was in 1973 that a panding or small local amateur leagues joued together for the first time to form BARLA. David Knight, the associ-ation's president, said: "This royal occasion is the culmina-tion of 17 years of hard work

tion of 17 years of hard work and devoted service by so many people.

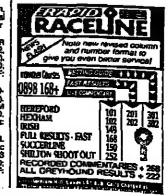
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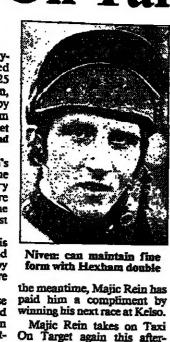
Ryan is given captaincy of southern side

PAUL Ryan, the England and World Cup player, has been selected to captain the South of sentent to captain the Sound of England team to play the Eng-land Lacrosse Union coaches' side and Middlebury College from the United States in February (Peter Tatlow writes).

TUZIY (PETER TALLOW WITTES).

TEAR: G Fidf (Kenton), R Harwitz (Kenton), S Savange (Kenton), D Jaquana (Kenton), J Flasser (Kenton), D Savange (Kenton), J Flasser (Kenton), T Savange (Kenton), R Lawson (Heampsteed), S Savange (Purley), R Lawson (Purley), D Routtle (Purley), R Lawson (Purley), D Routtle (Purley), M Green (Oxford University), J Finiagy (Oxford University), E Feasilian (Oxford University), E Feasilian (Oxford University), E Feasilian (Peterson), J Restall (Histori), S Blattle (Histori), J Restall (Histori), S Blattle (Histori), J Reased (Histori), J Finiagh (Battle), D Williams (Bucthurg), Hill. J Barranowski (Tasshed), P Peel (Beckenhern).





eartier this month when beat-ing Majic Rein by six lengths noon but it is hard to envisage on his steeplechasing debut. In him reversing the placings

2.00 March Above, 2.30 Mandraki Shuffle, 3.00 Clean Through.

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 1.00 Banbridge.

1988: FORWARD MARCH 7-11-0 R Hyelt (\$8-1) Mrs S Other 15 ran

FORM FOCUS MARRIEDS SHIRROR JS 30 to Stien Fan at West 19 rat 19 fair to Hopacosen at Cheltenhem (2m, good to firm). Previously, 17/41 to Grey Mertin at Bangor (2m, good to soft, with 19 fair to Grey Mertin at Bangor (2m, good to soft, with RACSCALL GOLD CARD (1th bedder off) 11/41 7th. (RNG'S SHILLING 2 1/2) 2nd, every chence when measure least, to Crystall Beam at Plumpton (2m good to firm). Access 33M, tax supper on the Rat, 16/41 8th to Expend to firm). Recessable (2m, good to firm). Previously, 31 to Salestour (2m, good) taxt time out.

1969: THAR AN-SHARS 7-11-8 R Supple (5-2) J Upson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS FUTS LADY mistakes 2 July 8th to Brandeston at Chapatow (2m 41. good).

Multurn In Party at Assoct (2m, 4f, pool-to firm).

Party at our to best Clover Folly MI at Assoct
(2m, firm).

Barelistands to firm). Previously, recen our to best Court Repert 3t nerse (2m, good to firm). Previously, recen our to best Court Repert 3t nerse (2m, good). RUSTITIONS.

Selection: (2m, good to firm). Previously, recen our to best Court Repert 3t nerse (2m, good). RUSTITIONS.

Selection: FUTS LADY

FORM FOCUS CORRUPT COMMETIS SHOTH-Seed of Sandown (2m 57 75/40, 9000 to Simpl.

AVONMOUTH-SECRETARY best Curous Foeling 44
AT TRANSON (2m 3, good to Simpl. FAST STUDY 25/1
2nd to Chemytono here (2m, good). Previously, 44
2nd to South Harvest over course and obstance
(good to soft) with a VONMOUTH-SECRETARY (2ib

Selections FAST STUDY (pep)

Course specialists

BETTING: 5-2 Fact Study. 109-30 Nyfor. 5-1 Corrupt Comminse, 5-1 Three Lakes, 10-1 Avoi secretary, 14-1 High Laves, 15-1 Deshing Dominos, Germino, 20-1 others. 1889: KAMEO STYLE 8-11-11 J Laddet (9-2) F Jordan 18 ran

1.0 SIDNEY PHILLIPS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,051: 2m 3f) (4 rumners)

BETTING: 4-6 Fu's Lady, 11-4 Benbridge, 13-2 Ruststone, 5-1 Sp

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R Dunwoody

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wall Prince at Kempton the Wetherby. At Hereford, Jamie Osweek before. The latter is just Guide to our in-line racecard 112142 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ...

Research number. Skr-figure form (F-fell. $P-p_{\rm culled}$ up. U- unseested rider, B- brought down. S- slipped up. R- refused. (F- firm, good to firm, hard, G- good. S- soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in since last outing: F if first. (B- blinkers, V- vect. V- hard. V- regented. C- course winner. D- distance winner. CD- course and hendicapoer's range. 2.0 BRIDSTOW SELLING HURDLE (21,718: 2m) (12 runners)

FORM FOCUS MARCH ABOVE best Royal Hurs 1 ibi at Universe (Em., good). CHARDAY 161 3rd to Young Muzzy at Ludiow (2m., good to firm), with latts winds Constitution of the King Return at Plumpton (2m., good to firm). And the King Return at Plumpton (2m., good to firm). Ordinated 441 5th to Hard Staff over course and dissence (good) on possitionate start. SHELLY'S Selection: CHASMARCLLA 2.30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,674; 3m 1f) (13 runners)

2.30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: 22,674: 3m 1f) (13 runners)

1 2226-1 BANDAND SHUFFLE 12 (BJF) (Mrs J Doben) O Sherwood B-11-3 ... J Caborne 6 98

2 RPRSS LAURA'S STAR 20 (F) (M Churches) M Churches 8-10-12 ... Min R Ferners (F) 89

3 160P-65 BEARNA NA GAOTHE 46 (P) (Sav Producty Ltd) A Jehnel 8-10-10 ... E Therms (F) ...

4 P SECHBOURT LAD 25 (Y Harrson) C Tretters 6-10-10 ... R Series 6-6 BONANZA REBEL 319 (S Durssen) C Berved 8-10-10 ... R Count ...

5 PSPP-63 POXCOPSE 20 (Mrs M Thominson) J Wedder 7-10-10 ... N Lymch 75

7 2331-4F MAYONAN 25 (F,G) (Lord Chrison) D Barron 6-10-10 ... N Lymch 75

9 PSP-29 NOUGAT RUSSE 13 (D Langon) N Tweston-Devise 8-10-10 ... R Bellewy (S) 96

9 FSPP22- QUILANTARO 189 (B.G.S) (Mrs P Sivery C Vernon Miller 9-10-10 ... R Bellewy (S) 10

49008-0 2 TOP TWO 11 (D MRS) M Oliver 9-10-10 ... J Reffect ... R Seggent 13

13 58UP3 PATCHOULTS PET 8 (F) (G Parker) F Yardery 7-10-5 ... R Durswoody 86

BETTENG: 5-2 Mandridi Stuffle, 7-2 Patchoulfia Pet B-2 Meteroran, 5-1 Quilluristo, B-1 Nougel Russes. BETTING: 5-2 Mandraid Shuffle, 7-2 Patchoul's Pet, 9-2 Mayoran, 5-1 Quillantero, 8-1 Nouget Rue Fottopae, 14-1 Boneriza Rebel, 16-1 others.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS MANDRAKI SHEFRUSSE (7th better off) 4 at Taurton (2m, good to
firm), a rece in which TDFFEE APPLE was pulled up.

LAURA'S STAR 7's; 3nd to Indian Cruse at Wincarron (2m 5t, frm), FOXCOPSE made planty of
frestities when 14 3nd to Marter Forces at Utgouser
(3m 2t, good) last time Out, GUILANTARO showed

3.0 BRIDGE SOLLARS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,557: 2m) (7 runners)

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Wimbledon springs surprise with record £9.6m profit

IN SPITE of gloomy predica record profit of £9,620,000 for 1990, an increase of 4.5 per cent over last year.

It had been widely expected that the figure would be down on 1989 because of the cost of meeting the requirements of the Safety at Sports Grounds Act earlier in the year, but the postponement of development plans and the timely signing of a new television ontract has more than offset that £2m expenditure, maintaining Wimbledon's record of growth. In 1980, its profit was £356,666.

The main beneficiary of the neat piece of financial foot-work is the Lawn Tennis Association, whose own growth has been slowed by prevailing economic con-ditions. The LTA yesterday announced pre-tax income and expenditure of £16m, marginally down on last year.

account for 55 per cent of the LTA's total income and have produced just under £55m for British tennis over the last 11

NETBALL

England

down but

not under

By LOUISE TAYLOR

ENGLAND have grounds for optimism about their chances in next year's world champion-

For long periods of the open-

thorter ones in the fixtures at

before bowing to superior phy-sique and technique. We

to keep up with them for a whole

Karen Fenion, of Cheshire.

and Jesslyn Parkes, of Middle-

sex, will have recovered from the injuries that sidelined them

during the Australian tour in

This weekend sees final trials

and 27 under-21s, selected from trials in October, will be pared

County players will be taking part in PES English Counties League matches on Saturday.

Surrey, who head the first-division table, are away to Kent,

who are second bottom, in a southeast derby. South York

time to play in the trials.

down to squads of 12.

and demand still outstripping supply in ticket sales, there is a promise of more to come through the next decade.

So, will British tennis have anything more to show for the investment in the nineties than in the eighties, which was described by its chief executive, Ian Peacock, as a "fallow decade"? There was a difference of opinion among the LTA hierarchy.

Peacock hoped that by the turn of the century Britain might have two or three players in the top 50; Ron Presley, the president of the LTA, was more optimistic. He estimated two or three in the top ten by 2000. "If nothing has happened by the end of the decade, we shall have to have a radical rethink," he said.

Beneath the nasty and overwhelming fact that Britain has no player in the top 100 men's singles rankings and no player in the top 50 women, there has been plenty of improvement in the structure of the game. The Indoor British tennis over the last 11 Tennis Initiative might have years. With several other tele-

vision contracts to be signed course by the high winds, and demand still outstripping which caused a moratorium to be imposed on new airhalls, but 14 have been built, three are under construction and ten more, mainly in the big cities, are under negotiation. In a year or two there will be

> tennis centre, with two covered courts, a gymnasium Queen's Club. But Jeremy Bates and Jo Durie, aged 28 and 31 respectively, are still our national champions and there are few pushing them out of the way.

a handsome new internationa

The future for Wimbledon looks rather rosier. Having weathered the storm of the new safety regulations and Merton Borough Council to relax some of its Draconian regulations for next year's championships, profits - and therefore the LTA's income should surge ahead again next we can't buy a Nigel Kennedy, a Kenneth Branagh or a Nick Faldo. They have to

emerge." And sooner rather than later.

BASKETBALL

England labour for cohesion

From Nicholas Harling, murcia, spain

familiarity in a squad of virtual strangers will undoubtedly in-fluence David Ransom's selec-tion here tonight when England take on Spain in their first second-leg of the European Championships semi-final

Ransom, the England coach, arrived in Spain on Monday with five uncapped players among the 12 from whom he will name the ten for duty in the Group C fixture against the fifth-ranked nation in Europe.

The icent cartain, Tony Leicester and in London, Eng-land matched the Australians proved we could compete well with Australia over isolated quarters," Betty Galsworthy, the England coach, said. "Now we have got to find the consistency to keep with the consistency."

The joint captain, Tony Balogun, has dropped out with an injury to his right ankle, which means that Ransom has even less experience to call on for a tie that England must win by 17 points to have a chance of further progress in the

Saturday at Crystal Palace. Two 99-83 last November - will stalwarts have asked not to be almost certainly be beyond Engconsidered. Work and personal land, Ransom, not surprisingly, goes for the more realistic ambition of "building for the commitments have proved too future". In the short term, that means the home games against Yugoslavia on Saturday and West Germany next Wedness wards, the England and Surrey captain and goalshooter, and Galsworthy is hoping that Kendra Lowe, of Bedfordshire, day. But if the performance here is not a worthy one, all the

stockpiling of pesta and paella will count for little. It is in the knowledge that the Spanish coach, Antonio Diaz-Ransom will probably start with his three Kingston players, Al-ton Byrd, Martin Henian, and for under-18s (Saturday) and under-21s (Sunday) at Crystal Palace, Twenty-eight under-18s

Martin Clark, who do, at less Martin Clark, who do, at least, know how each other play. It will be the first cap for Byrd and Henlan, but the 6ft 8in Clark has appeared 16 times already for his country. Steve Bucknall, another new cap, will be the fourth starter but Ransom was not saying who would complete his complement.

It is in England's slight favour that the Real Madrid quintet did at least experience defeat here in at least experience utreat that an Sunday's league game, but Eng-land will have to perform be-youd the realms of possibility to make them suffer again. "We make them suffer again. "We did, at least, look a bit more cohesive in training today," Ransom said yesterday. "Last night it looked like a group of players who had never played

together before."

Ransom's problem is that he does not necessarily want his that target — against charges to repeat their respec-tes who won the first leg tive roles for their clubs. "They are creatures of habit," he said. "They are three months into their club seasons, but when we ask them to do something different, it takes time. It's not a

organisation."
In the absence of Balogun who made a frantic phone call home in search of a new pair of size 14 boots to accommodate his injured ankle in time for the Miguel Sanz, will have five Real Yugoslavia game, England will Madrid players in his squad that have Peter Scantlebury leading the team for the first time, even if the Sunderland forward does

BRIDGE

Dunsby and Dunstan help defeat the Dutch

By ALBERT DORMER they compare scores in the post-mortems which inevitably fol-low, can analyse and discuss in fine detail every aspect of each other's performance. There is no hiding place for a flawed bid or

THE upward march of youth continued as Sally Dunsby, aged 19, and her partner, Heather Dunstan, who is five years older, joined forces with the seasoned internationals, Sandra Landy and Michelle Handley, to vanquish The Netherlands

The quartet more than won back the victory points lost by the England open and junior teams in the annual fixture with Nederlandse Bridge Bond — the world's second biggest bridge ague.
But although Dunsby and

Dunstan may have enhanced their claims for inclusion in the squad, which would make them among the youngest compet-itors at this level, their perfor-mance against The Netherlands will come under an unusually critical scrutiny.
This is because Landy, twice a

world champion, is also char-man of the British bridge league selection committee as well as the possible captain of the open

the England selectors have sig-nalled their intentions loud and clear. For the match against Scotland, which normally de-cides the issue, they have named not only Britain's most successful pair, Forrester and Robson, but also the convincing winners of the recent trials, Kirby and Armstrong, from Merseyside, who are widely considered the No. 2 partnership in Britain. British players who won the heats of the 25-mation Philip Morris European simultaneous pairs are waiting to hear whether

they have also won places in the Europe-wide ranking list.

In her selectorial role, Landy

is therefore, far better placed than selectors who watch from the sidelines, often without insight into a player's reasoning.

In the home international series for the Camrose Trophy, the Freignd selectors have sig-

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Southern skill prevails

SOUTHERN Independent Schools defeated their Northern Schools defeated their Northern counterparts 1-0 at Repton on Sunday (George Chesterton writes). For the first 20 minutes from Divall, who also scored the Southern side combined neat, short passes with skifful control. The goal came when Mackay tamed a bouncing ball and gave it to Griffin, who flicked it over the goalkeeper. Northern relied on a longer passing game but were unable to penetrate a sound defence.

the tharris, against the run of play, scored again and his side held its 2-1 lead to the final eighteenth time in the 24 years they have entered. They defeated B-12whistle.

Whitelenth time in the 24 years they have entered. They defeated Bridgwater College 7-1 in the final, their goals coming from Onuorah (twice), Clark, Hussey, White, Cox and Bollinger. To round off their unbeaten season, Millfield defeated Forest 4-0 on Saturday.

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Highgate for the first time in eight years. Kimbolton had a 1-0 lead at half-time, Harris being the scorer, Highgate levelled the score, then Harris, against the

Two top Britons crash out of the Lombard RAC Rally



Spaniard slides off track to hand

AFTER a day-long duel through the Scottish Borders, Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, snatched the lead from Carlos Sainz, of Spain, on the penul-timate special stage as the two drivers dominated the third day of the Lombard RAC Rally.

The rough and slippery tracks of Kielder Forest lived up to their reputation, forcing the British driver, Malcolm Wilson, to retire from fifth place, while the grand prix driver. Derek Warwick, crashed out of the event after climbing up to

the Forestry Commission car parks in Kielder from midnight, greeted the competitors as they entered the giant man-made forest yesterday morning. At the head of the field 'only nine seconds separated Sainz from Yearheaven at the crart of the Kankkunen at the start of the day, a slender lead which the iard maintained until they entered the penultimate section of the day after 600 miles on the

Driving on the limit, in total darkness and on a surface liberally coated with mud, Sainz's Toyota slid off the track to hand Kankkunen's Lancia a 4-second lead. In third place, Kenneth Eriksson, of Sweden, admitted that he was powerless

Wilson when, five miles from the finish of the stage, his Ford Sierra Cosworth smashed into a wrecking the front suspension. The car shed a wheel, but as Wilson attempted to drive out

of the stage stones wore through the sump-guard which protects the engine bay and smashed into the powerplant with terminal results. This leaves Colin McRae as the top British driver,

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in seventh place.

The same stage also saw the demise of the Mazda driven by Timo Salonen, who crashed into a tree white maintaining fourth place. Salonen and his co-driver, Voitto Salander, escaped injury. but the stage was stopped to allow a rescue vehicle to attend. to a spectator who was slightly injured by flying debris. Pundershaw gave a fright to Warwick, the former Lotus driver, when his Subaru rally car flew off the track at over 100mph. Warwick survived the

scare to continue in the event but on the next special stage his rally, too, was over.

"The track was really slippery, I slid into a shallow ditch
on the outside of a bend,"
Warwick said, "I gave it fall power to keep moving but there was a concrete drain in the ditch which wrecked the front suspension. I'm really disappointed, tenth place was up for grabs, but this is the toughest thing I have ever done in motor sport. Those

top drivers, Kankkunen, Alen, they're on a different plane". Today the final leg of the rally provides a final "sting in the tail" for the 100 surviving cars. A Sam departure from Newcastle upon Tyne takes the competitors to the Harwood and Ogre Hill special stages in Northum-berland before the rally heads west to tackle sections at Kershope, Castle O'er and Twiglees in the Scottish Bor-

Between two and four in the the Lake District form the final competitive sections befinish line in Harrogate at Spm. 🥊

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Orrell are

forced to

cut fixtures

By DAVID HANDS

ORRELL, who give ten players

to divisional rugby and seven-more to the county champ-ionship this weekend, have can-

celled their first-team games for

the next three weeks. Like

players across a range of counties, Orrell have decided the

strain on their resources is too

great and have been released

Halliday may rejoin Harlequins

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SIMON Halliday, the Bath centre who has played 16 times for England, has accepted a stockbroking job in London and, were he to play again, could link with Harlequins, for whom he played when a student at Oxford University. Halliday has not played this

season while recuperating from an ankle operation. He has yet to indicate whether he will try to re-establish his first-class career but he has trained regularly:
"I'm still in the process of
getting myself back together,"
he said. "I haven't made a be said. I haven't made a decision yet on whether to leave the club."

The tournament, which concludes just before Christmas, also features Fiji, Wellington

eight times at international level, would be alluring for Halliday who added: "I would find it difficult to continue playing for Bath when I am working in London. It makes sense to play for a London Only three of Bath's regular

first team play against the Soviet Union in the first round of the Toulouse centenary tourna-Bamsey (centre), Hang (lock) and Ojomoh (No. 8) play in a XV which includes Gareth Chilcott, the former England prop who has spent most of this season recovering from injury. and Queensland, of whom the latter two play warm-up games in England next month. Queens-land are due to bring a particusuch luminaries as Bill Camp-bell, Jason Little, Tim Horan and the 1987 Fijian World-Cup prop. Pene Volavola, and play a London Irish Select at Sunbury on December 9 and Northampton two days later.

The Irish side will be domi-

nated by players eligible for the lrish Exiles team established this season, but it will include Murray Dawson, from Racing Club de France. Dawson, of Lish receives a control of the lish Irish parentage, spent his youth in South Africa where he played for Natal but has been playing in the Paris club's from row, in the Paris club's front row.

Tony Clement, the Welsh full back, will play for Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV in the annual fixture against Cambridge University at Grange Road today. He replaces the injured Gavin Hastings and brings to four the number of Swansea backs in the team, alongside Titley Parfeit and Robert Ignes. Titley, Parfitt and Robert Jones.

By DAVID HANDS

terday, WRFU officials said the

tournament will open on April 6 with pool games, which will be

curtain-raisers to men's matches. The final will be on the Cardiff club ground on April 14. Of the 14 countries where

than usual, including ten inter-nationals from six countries, intended to give Cambridge a match before they play Oxford match before they play Caloru at Twickenham on December 11. The university, who have won the fixture for the last five years, welcome back Simon Holmes, their captain and flanker, who has had persistent bear injury. Holmes replaces knee injury. Holmes replaces Rory Jeakins in what is likely to be the XV to play in the

university match.

Two of Steele-Bodger's XV.
Simon Mannix and Laurence
Hullena, will link with Welling-

is considerable: from 12 to

between 90 and 100 clubs, organised in a four-division

national league and with a regional competition. Moira Swinbank, a director of

John Taylor International, the

event managers, expressed con-fidence that, once television

coverage was confirmed, either

a main sponsor or four special

category sponsors would be found to contribute the £100,000 the WRFU seeks for

E101,000 the WRFU seeks for the running of the tournament. It will be staged in Wales because of the accessibility of grounds and the enthusiastic support offered by the Sports Council for Wales, the Welsh Rugby Union and Cardiff RFC, as well as the civic authorities. A silver trouby has already been

from their commitments with Broughton Park (December 1). Northern (December 8) and Otley (December 15). Lancashire, the county cham-They are two of five New Zealanders in the side, the others being Ian Jones, Wayne Shelford and Willie Phillips, the North Auckland flanker who is playing this season for Newbury. Women's game on the ball

Lancasnire, the county cham-pions, have selected seven Orrell players for their opening match against Yorkshire at Otley on Saturday. But they field only two of the side which beat Middlesex in the final last season — Mike Fielden in the backs and Paul Manley in the rack.

pack.

Lancashire will be led by Kevin Simms, the former England centre, on his championship debut. During his period at Cambridge University, and while subsequently completing his medical studies in London, he was unavailable for the county. He will be joined by three of his colleagues from by three of his colleagues from Liverpool St Helens against John Liley, the Leicester full

back, will make his debut in the same match for Yorkshire. Liley, previously of Wakefield, will find six players from his former club in the county XV, among them two more new-comers — Steve Cruise, the hooker, and Paul Stewart, a

lock.

Durham, who won the championship in 1989, include nine new faces against East Midlands at Kettering Phil Lancaster, the West Hardepool Lancaster, the West Hartlepool prop, is the only member of the tight five forwards with previous county experience, while the new backs include Lan-

A TRAPPED nerve in a shoulder that has sidelined Donal Lenihan for the last two weeks will keep the Ireland captain out of the Munster team that meets

ICE HOCKEY

Smith is left out of British squad

The five games, to be staged at Bracknall, Nottingham, Humberside, Whitley Bay and Cardiff will give Dammer the

A SQUAD of 33 has been selected to play for Great Britain in a series of games against Belgian and Soviet opposition ary 2 by the national coach, Alex Dampier (Norman de Mesquita writes).

writes).

This is part of the build up to pool C of the world championships and, of the players involved in gaining promotion from pool D last season, only Paul Smith has been omitted. He has missed a great deal of

opportunity to try various de-fence and forward combinations before naming his 21-man squad for the championships, which start, in Copenhagen, on March 22. injury.
There are eight players who have yet to appear in a senior world championship: the goal-tenders, Gary Brine and Scott O'Connor, the defencemen,
Paul Pentland, Paul Heavey and
Chuck Taylor, and the forwards,
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CYCLING

Coaches appointed

Alan Starges, a former junior pursuit coach, has been appointed national track pursuit coach, with responsibility for men and women, seniors and similars.

THE British Cycling Federation

yesterday named two new national coaches (Peter Bryan wrines). Their first meeting with their riders will be on Saturday, when squad members assemble for the annual medical examinations at the Nuffield Hospital, Signature of the same of the same

shire, who prop up the table, entertain the second-placed Middlesex, FREE RALLY **LESSONS** FINA OILS



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the club."

The temptation to challenge for a club place at the Stoop Memorial ground alongside Will Carling, England's captain with whom he played centre

Saunders returns to the top

THE two tries that Eddie Saunders scored for Rugby in their Pilkington Cup win over London Welsh on Saturday have returned him to the top of the first close to the second or the seco

He shares that position with David Cooke, the West Hartle-David Cooke, the West Hartlepool wing, both having scored
17 tries. That is 20 less than
Saunders totalled last season
when he was the country's
leading try scorer. The highest
placed player from a firstdivision club is Dewi Morris,
the Orrell scrum half, with 14.

John Liley, the Leicester full
back, leads the way towards 200
points for the season; his eight
against Bath at the weekend
took him to 177.

Tim Smith's 20 points from
Gloucester's 52-0 cup drubbing
of Broughton Park takes his tally
to 144 but Smith, the Gloucester

to 144 but Smith, the Gloucester full back, will not play again until the new year because he requires an operation on a LEADING POINTS SCORERS

LEADING TRY SCORERS



A Rimmer (Broughton Park)... R Mills (Walsell)

THE draw was made yesterday for the fifth round of the Provincial Insurance Cup, and

guarantees, perhaps not surpris-ingly, only Yorkshire and Gloucestershire representation in the last 16. After the fourth round last weekend, those counties were still represented by five and four clubs respectively, and the pairings have drawn Gloucester Civil Service at home to Widden Old Boys, Bradford Selem against their Leeds neigh-bours, Old Modermians, and Wetherby or Northallerton, who play their fourth-round tie this Saturday, against Sheffield rday, against Sheffield The draw will suit Salem, who, after their fourth-round victory over Ashington, were anxious to face neither Oaks nor Leodiensian, another side from

Of the 14 countries where women play rugby on an organised basis, Germany declined an invitation because their development remains comparatively limited; but England and Wales will join the United States, Canada, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands, Sweden and Japan, while acceptances are expected from New Zealand, France and the Soviet Union. sponsor.
The inaugural women's World Cup, which will be staged in Wales next April, has grown

THE men's game took nearly 120 years (adopting the formation of the Rugby Football Union as a starting point) to develop a World Cup competition; the women's game has managed it within a generation, though the tournament unveiled yesterday still awaits — as does the men's event — a main

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out of the European Cup held in France in 1988. Several other countries expressed an interest in joining France, Britain, Italy and The Netherlands in an international tournament and the Women's Rugby Football Union (WRFU), which org-anises the game in England, Scotland and Wales, responded to the challenge. to the challenge.

At simultaneous briefings in Richmond and Cardiff yes-

"The women's game is expanding all over the world," Deborah Griffin, who chairs the organising committe, said. Al-

organising committe, said. Although its roots are oldest in the
United States, the expansion in
England and Wales since the
formation in 1983 of the WRFU
Webb Ellis had a daughter? Civil servants aim to earn stripes

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

Leeds, but Gloucester CS, or "Tigers" as they are now calling themselves, were not overjoyed at the news of facing Widden, who are three divisions above them in the Gloucestershire section of the Courage Clubs have illustrated on several occa-Championship. Andy Price, their captain, said: "After five bad years on the trot, when we seemed to lose any good players we had, a few of us got together and decided

we should revert to the club's original name of Tigers. You'll original name of Tigers. You'll get the mickey taken if you're called tigers and play like passycats, and we weren't going to have that. Three divisions above us, aren't they? Perhaps the home advantage will bein." So far, Gloucester CS have won three of their matches by only three points, while Widden only three points, while Widden

one score in any one tie, amassing 158 points on the way. Statistically, Widden should go through, but as Berry Hill, the side from the Forest of Dean, have illustrated on several occasions over the years in senior cup competition, nothing can be taken for granted in

Gloucestershire.

DRAW: Midlend division: Old Warwickins v Warley. Ashbourne v Old Novicnisns; New Park Old Boys v Melton Movitoriy; Manor Park v Old Centrals. London and South-East divisions Greenwich v Dereham; Old Reedonisms v Hottings; Old Cooperters v London Cornists: Fortingbridge v Hevertilli and Disarte. North Geister. Looderstan v Sect. North Geister. Looderstan v Sect. North Geister. Sect. South and Seath-West division: Bloester v Brockworth; Topham v Vecr; Island Seath-West division: Bloester v Brockworth; Topham v Vecr; Islands of the Boys. Melaters to be played on Decamber 8.

caster's club colleague, Kevin Oliphant, at full back, and Crawford Henderson, the Durham University wing. Lenihan ruled out by injury

of the Munster team that meets Connacht on Saturday (George Ace writes). The captaincy goes to Michael Bradley.

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Claire Blower, who has extensive racing experience, is the new women's national road coach. Having coached her sister, Maria, to sixth place in the 1988 Olympic road race. Blower will now give special attention to women switching to cycling from other sports.

Arsenal meet Manchester United for the first time since their fateful fixture at Old Trafford

Defiant Graham is in the mood to silence his critics

THERE may be a sense of dejà to be professional enough to on the football for its own sake vu about the fixture but both try to treat it in the same way. sides insist that there can be no question of an action important than our League replay when Arsenal entertain game with Liverpool this Sun-Manchester United at day. If we win this one, we are Highbury tonight. Highbury tonight.
The fourth

The fourth round competition but, whatever the Rumbelows League Cup tie result on Sunday, the League comes only a month after the season is still less than half teams were involved in a over. brawl during a first division "W match at Old Trafford, which darling resulted in the Football Association docking two

Arsenal manager who, along that, overall, our disciplinary with five of his players, was record is still very good. fined two weeks' wages by a "The fact that some sections Highbury board indignant of the media seem to delight in about the dent to the club's image, was in a bullish mood

will again be a highly compet-nive game and we are going ask them if they are happy out to win it," he said. "Of with what is going on at course, we are aware that Highbury,
many people will regard play"We are still unbeaten in 17 ing United as something more games - Arsenal's best start to than just an important foot- a season for 43 years - and we ball match. But our priority are second in the League. So has still got to be the same - to we must be doing something win. Obviously, it is not just right. I would like everybody

TERRY Butcher, the new player-manager of Coventry City, comes face to face with Brian Clough for the first time tonight intent on ending Nottingham Forest's remarkable securious of 22 parathes mitheus

The fact that Forest, winners of the competition for the last

two seasons, have eliminated Coventry along each of their routes to Wembley, sads extra spice to tonight's meeting at Highfield Road.

"We are hoping it is going to be third time lucky for us," Butcher said. "It would mean a

great deal to the Coventry public

this time. Although I was not here last season when Forest beat us in the semi-finals, I am well aware of how much that

errry players. There will be no need to motivate them. This is a

plum tie and a revenge win would be a great boost for both the club and the city."

Butcher, however, acknowledged that Forest's unbeaten

record in the competition, dat-ing back to their 3-0 defeat

against Manchester City in October 1987, gives them the psychological advantage.

cup as their own property in much the same way that Rang-ers view the Skol Cup," he added. "When you enjoy that

"They probably regard this

"I am looking at it as more

"We are not the media's darlings and never have been," he said. "But we have Association docking two got to the stage where all the points from Arsenal, one from United, and fining both clubs L50,000.

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picking us out will have no bearing on what we are aiming sterday. to achieve. Our own support-"There is no doubt that this ers have been magnificent this

confidence. You look at the fixture list at the start of the season and mentally pencil in the date of the final."

Chelses travel to Oxford United well aware that only an extra-time rally, which secured a 3-2 win in a replay against Portsmouth in the last round, spared their blushes against second division opposition.

Dave Beasant, the Chelsea goalkeeper, said: "I was injured and was in the back of the stand with a load of Chelsea support.

with a total of Calanca supporters who were shouting that they wanted their money back when we were two goals down with ten minutes left." Beasant returns in

"I have told them to cut out the fancy footwork," he said

Derby County, who put six goals past Sunderland in the last round, travel to Sheffield Wednesday without Nigel Calla-ghan, who Aston Villa do not

want cup-tied, and with Geraint Williams and Mel Sege awaiting

Stoke City yesterday signed Vince Hilaire from Leeds United on a free transfer. The winger, aged 31, will make his first appearance in the reserves at home to Scunthorpe today.

Butcher out to put

the record straight

Brian Clough for the first time tonight intent on ending Not-tingham Forest's remarkable sequence of 22 marches without defeat in the Rumbelows Cun.

"I have never actually met the man before, although I have seen him on the bench many times," Butcher, the former England captain, said. "But I am really looking forward to locking horns with him as opposing usanagers. His record in this essimpetition, and in footbell as a whole, is outstanding."

The fact that Forest winners

minutes left. Beasant returns in goal, but Tony Dorigo, the Cheisca left back, is expected to be absent with a leg injury.

Meanwhile Brian Horton, the Oxford manager, must bolster the confidence of his mediants to make the confidence of his proceed to manager.

and I think if things go well for could be a turning point.

"Yet even if the wheel turns full circle and the critics start applauding us, we know that it is probably only a matter of time before it swings back again. But that is something we have always had to live with at Arsenal. It will not affect the aims we are trying to

Michael Thomas, the Arsenal midfield player who takes his place in an un-changed Highbury side, was equally positive. "We made a big mistake at Old Trafford, but it was blown up out of all proportion," he said, "We have accepted the fact that we have been fined and lost the two points, and have just got on with it."

The match is of immense importance for the collective ego of United, who aim to exorcise the memory of the televised 3-2 home defeat by Cheisea on Sunday. That re-sult reinforced the reality that United's chance of securing the Lesgue championship is now no more than mathematical



Inter confident of success

ionship last season, Cologne will be without their influential mid-

field player, Pierre Littbarski, and Paul Steiner, both of whom

Belogan, who lie second from bottom of the Italian first di-

vision and have won only twice all season, their latest defeat coming on Sunday, 4-1, at the hands of AS Roma, are expected to make heavy weather of their tie against Admira Wacker, of

Austria.
Roma, beaten European Cup

finalists in 1984, are at home to Bordeaux, who are presently twelfth in the French first

Wales eye Poland warm-up

match against England at Transpere on December 5. In-

cluded are the full inter-nationals, Makcolm Allen, of Millwall, and Andy Melville, of Oxford — the two overage players — and the Leeds winger, Gary Speed.

Bournemouth are chasing the Romanian international defenders, Adrian Bumbescu and Stefan Iovan. The manager,

WALES will play an inter-national match in Poland next Wales yesterday announced May as a warm-up for their under-21 squad for the

HAVING disposed of Aston Villa in the second round of the Uefa Cup, Internazionale now face Partizan Belgrade in the first leg of their third-round tie at the San Siro stadium tonight. Although Inter have not lifted a European trophy for 25 years, they are confident that, this they are confident that, this season, they can end that record, and take a step towards that end by building up a healthy advantage in front of their Milanese crowd against Partizan.

Inter's preparation has been ideal: on Sunday, they beat Naples, the Italian champions, 2-1 in a league fixture, a result which left them sharing pole position in Italy with

Not only do Inter include the German World Cup-winning trio of Lother Mattheus, Jürgen Klinsmann and Andreas Brehme, they also have history on their side — they beat Partizan along the route to winning the European Cup for the first time in 1964. Atalanta, who recorded their first win in the Italian league for two months on Saturday, look less likely to reach the final eight

May as a warm-up for their crucial bome European championship match with Germany the following month.

Terry Yorath's team will play the Poles, beaten 2-0 by England in their opening championship match at Wembley last month, on May 29 at a venue to be decided. There is also the possibility of an under-21 game. Wales, who have won their

wales, who have won their opening two championship matches, against Belgium and Luxembourg, take on the group favourites, Germany, on June 5 in Cardiff.

Yorkth's team also plays the Republic of Ireland at Wrexham

on February 6 as they tune up for their return game in Belgium on March 27. The Welsh FA is

trying to arrange a B inter-national against England the

of the competition. They face Cologue who reached the Uefa Cup final as recently as 1986.

The Italians are hampered by the likely absence of Claudio Caniggia, their Argentine international forward, who is recovering from a broken arm. Much will depend on the performance of Glenn Stromberg, the Swedish international, in their mid-field, around whom most of their effective play revolves.

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Runners-up to Bayern Munich in the German championship last season, Cologne will

vitesse Arabesa, the last team from The Netherlands left in any of the three European competitions, will rely heavily on the experience of Frans Thijssen, who carned a Uefa Cup-winners' medal with Ipswich Town in 1981. Now aged 38 and playing in defence, Thijssen is still regarded as Vitesse's key player. Vitesse's key player.

In the other Uefa Cup ties, Terpedo Moscow are at home to Mosaco while Broadby, of Den-mark who beat Eintracht Frankfurt in the first round, face further opposition from Ger-

• The Leicester City chairman,

Terry Shipman, confirmed that he had contacted the former

president, Trevor Bennett, who has offered to inject a substan-tial sum of cash into the second

offer will benefit City to the tune of £1 million if other members of the board agree to produce a

United to sign best since Best

MANCHESTER United are to sign a 16-year-old forward who has been acclaimed as the best prospect since George Best, on a five-year contract. United have been keeping Ryan Giggs, from Cardiff, under wraps as school-boy players are open to offers from rival clubs.

However, Giggs will accept the offer of a contract from the United manager, Alex Ferguson, when he reaches his 17th birthday tomorrow.

The United coaches, Brian Kidd and Nobby Stiles, rate Giggs as the best prospect they

Kidd and Nobby Stiles, rate Giggs as the best prospect they have seen since Best, while Ferguson said: "He's the best youngster I have had at one of my clubs." Giggs is eligible to play for both Wales and England at international level.

Bridlington Town, beaten finalists in last season's FA Vase, are drawn at home to Eppleton Colliery Welfare in the third round of the 1990-91 competition, which is to be

competition, which is to be played on December 15. in last season's men repay following a goalless draw at Wembley, have moved up to the FA Challenge Trophy this year,

PA VARE: Tight round draw: Glosso v North Ferrity United; Carmell Laid v Ashington; Garforth Town v Borrowseth Victoris; Farrity Celic v Warrington Town or Guiseley; Bridlington Town v Eppleton CW; Knoveley United v Ossett Town; Blington Town v Harringse PA; Worsboro Bridge MW v Great Herwood Town; Kings Lyan v Rushall Chympic; Pager Rangers v Hinchey Affectic, Reinworth MW v Hucknell Town; Affective Constitution Town; Greatey Rowen v Holbesch United or Resent Town; Rothwell Town; Pothwell Town;

Narwoon Town; Grassey Novara v Holbench United or Resurds Town; Spaining United v Walbach Town; Rothwell Town; Priory (Eastwood).

East Thurrock United v Eastwigh; Baffron Walcon; Town; V Burgass Fill Town; Priory Eastwood; Town; Paghara or Hythe Town; Heaventh Revers; Helstend Town; V Heleton; Harwfield United v Havent Town; Heaven; Helston; Harwfield United v Havent Grace (Poters Ber); Sudbury Town or Ruistle Mesor v Harwfor and Parteston; Waltersmotow; Penneet v Braintree Town or Bartengalde; Uttelsampton Town v Slade Green; Melden Vale v Didoot Town; Monthead v Purfleet; Aldmondabury Pickaons v Troubridge Town; Hangerford Town; V Newguny; Dewifah Town or Bernatable Town; Hangerford Town; V Newguny; Dewifah Town or Bernatable Town; Hangerford Town; V Newguny; Dewifah Town or Bernatable Town; Hangerford Town; V Newguny; Dewifah Town or Bernatable Town; Hangerford Town; V Newguny; Dewifah Town or Bernatable Town; Hangerford Town; V Newguny; Dewifah Town or Bernatable Town; Hangerford Town; V Newguny; Dewifah Town or Bernatable Town; Hangerford Town; V Newguny; Dewifah Town or Bernatable Town; V Wellegen; Clavedon Town; V Newguny; Dewifah Town or Bernatable Town.

championship.

"I'm honesly looking forward to playing Stephen again. He has shown himself to be a worthy world champion but I am in with a chance of beating him."

SNOOKER

Fowler fired by forecasts of quick departure

DANNY Fowler is a placid character with no noticeable chips on either shoulder. But one dismissive forecast was enough to spur him into the StormSeal United Kingdom championship quarter-finals, in which he meets the defending champion, Stephen Hendry, over the best of 17 frames today. The key to Fowler's remarkable recovery from 4-1 down to beat Gary Wilkinson, a semi-finalist last year, by 9-8 key in his choice of breakfast reading matter.

By STEVE ACTESON

If Fowler does it will help to lift the gloom from a sorrowful year for the former dusmanal Last January his manager and close friend, Tony Goulding, was killed in a car crash. Goulding's widow, Rafella, took over Fowler's management contract while maintaining the family business and bringing up five daughters.

"She is quite a woman," Fowler said. "Tony's death brought us a lot closer together and it was nice to be able to continue the partnership despite

finalist last year, by 9-8 key in his choice of breakfast reading matter.

"I was determined to have Gary," the world No. 29 from Worksop and. "The Racing Post said he was expected to beat me with the minimum of fuss and that really annoyed me." Hendry might hope that the pundits are not as dismissive of Fowler today, but the world champion seems fireproof at present and is buoyed up by his heady run of 28 victories in ranking matches since March. Fowler reached the semifinals of two successive ranking tournaments in the first half of last season only to come up against the mighty due of Hendry and Davis.

"I keep meeting these guys when they are in peak form," Fowler said. "But I have got to beat the likes of them if I'm evergoing to win a major championship."

"Tam honesly looking forward in the continue the partnership despite to and it was nice to be able to continue the partnership despite and it was nice to be able to continue the partnership despite to what had happened."

Two of snooker's first-season professionals, Alan McManus, of Scotland, and Jon Birch, of England, celebrated their television debuts yesterday by taking leads in their fifth round matches.

Birch, resplendent in white trousers, led Nigel Bond 4-3, but it was McManus who took the eye by moving 5-2 ahead against Silvino Francisco, of South Africa. McManus had a clear-ance of 101 in frame four and it is believed he is the first player to make a century during his debut before the television cameras since Hendry did so at the World Championship of 1986.

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RESULTS: Fifth round: J Sirch (Eng) leads N Bond (Eng), 4-3; A McMamus (Soo) leads S Francisco (SA), 5-2. Mondaty's late results: J Parrott (Eng) bt G Wilkinson (Eng), 9-8; D Fowler (Eng) bt G Wilkinson (Eng), 9-8. O FOW

YACHTING

Underdogs helped by high pressure

significant advantage overnight on the funcied skippers who class, or chose to head due south into the Roaring Forties only to run into Hooke.

Plant, whose yacht, Duracell, was involved in a collision with Bertie Reed's South African entry, Grinaker, shortly before Saturday's start, is another to GB, 5,883; 2, Nihau (R Hooke, US), have faltered. He dropped from third to ninth overnight after 4,002; 4, Shutandolij (M Sako, Japan), 2,005.

By Barry Preteall.

IT WAS a day for the underdogs as a high pressure system centred over the Indian Ocean split the 21-strong BOC singlehanded round-the-world race fleet yesterday during the fourth day of their second-stage voyage from Cape Town to Sydney.

Those led by South Africa's John Martin, who struck out to the east soon after rounding the Cape of Good Hope, gained a significant advantage overnight on the fancied skippers who chose to bead due south into the Roaring Forties only to run into

Roaring Forties only to run into calms.

Akin Gautier, whose 60ft French challenger, General Concordi led the fleet into Cape Town at the end of the first stage and away again last Saturday, slumped to fifth place, leaving the two Australian skippers, David Adams and Kanga Birtles to take up the chase.

The American sailor, Mike Plant, whose yacht, Duracell, was involved in a collision with African Calms (All Saturday, Sol. Saturday, Sol

Success for Tomlinson

BRITISH fencing saw its best result for several years this year's Briish championships, weekend when the epecist, Penny Tomlinson, of London Thames, came fifth in the Eupon (Belgium) A grade event (a Special Correspondent writes).

Sabre has also had its success recently with an 8-8 draw against Hungary, the Olympic Special Correspondent writes).

The world's top eperists had turned out and in pushing the West Germans, Eva Maria Itna and Uta Schaeper, into sixth and eighth places, and the Italian, Anna-Lisa Coltorti, into seventh, Tomlinson has exercised her capability at this

weapon.

The result follows the GB women's epic team win in Oslo on October 28 which included

recently with an 8-8 draw against Hungary, the Olympic champions, in Munich on November 10-11, and 17th position for the British champion, Nick Fletcher. EPEE RESULT: I, Margarita

Zalassi (It); 2, Marjanna Horbath (Hung); 3, Timia Nagy (Hung); 4, Bettina Fichtel (WG); 5, Penny Tomlinson (GB); 6, Eva Maria Ima (WG); 7, Anna-Lisa Coltorti (It); 8, Uta Schaeper (WG).

IN BRIEF

Life ban reduced

LARRY Myricks, the Olympic long jump bronze medal winner, has had a lifetime ban for drug Athletics Congress, who voted in Seattle, Washington, to re-instate him from April 13 next

Myricks, who tested positive for the banned stimulant phenylpropanolamine at indoor meetings this year, can return to competition on April 13, a year

RUGBY UNION: Will Carling. the England captain, led the sport's support for the Coral Gala Ball at the Cafe Royal, London, last night in aid of Sports Injuries Association (SIA). Last year 600 more poliple became members of SIA

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: with his career-best rushing and receiving game and Warren passes on Monday night, carry-ing the Houston Oilers to a 27-24 victory over the Bills and creating a three-way, first-place tic in the AFC Central Division.

SWIMMING: Illness has deprived England of two leading swimmers for the Four Nations Sprint contest at Wolverhampton on Saturday. Samantha Purvis, of Mercury Wiegn Wasns, and Grant Rob are both recovering from

RALLYING: The Paris-Mos cow-Beijing Rally will finally take place in September next year - 83 years after such a race

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated Rumbelows Cup

Arsenal v Man Utd (all ticket, 8.00).
Aston Villa v Middlesbrough......
Coventry v Notin Forest (7.45).....
Sheffield Wed v Derby (7.45)..... Leyland Daf Cup Preliminary round

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PONTESS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Fine division: Blackburn v Rotherham (7.00; Willves v Labester (7.00; Second division: Bearstley v Burnley (7.00; Second division v Rotherham (7.00; Nots County v York; Stoke v Scambrope (7.00).

CYENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Brighton v Tottenham (7.10; Fabran v Norwich (7.00; Reading v Wilstbudon (2.00; Swindon v Luton (7.00).

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JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE February Town v Harvich and Perussons.
WENGY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Alder-shot v Weaktstone; Brentford v Weldingham; Wycombe Wanderers v Col-chester; Leyton Orient v Cambridge, shish BUDWESSER CUP: Sent-lime: Portadown v Sellymene (at Grusades).

RUGBY UNION CLUS MATCHES: Cambridge University v M R Seeie Bodger's XV (3.00); Caetim-hern v Both Valle (7.00); Cross Keys v Bridgend (7.00); Lienell v Newport (7.00); Plymouth v Exeter University (7.10); Pomypool v South Wales Police (7.00); Postypridd v Meesleg (7.00); Tredeger v Swenzes.

OTHER SPORT MINTON: Welst Open (Cardill) RALLYING: Lombard RAC Rally SNOOKER: StormSeal UK champio (Guild Hall, Presion, 2.00 and 7.15).

SPORT ON TV AMERICAN FOOTBALL: 200 14.00-16.00: National Football League. Screensport 18.00-20.00: College match. BOOMRG: Screensport 13.00-15.00 and 20.00-22.00: Professional events. Essesport 21.00-22.00. CRICKET: Sky One 03.20-10.45 (Trurs-day); World Series Cup — Australia v New Zestand.

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EQUESTRIAMISM: Eurosport 16.00-17.00: Show jumping from Berlin. EUROSPORT include: Eurosport 16.30-19.00 and 23.30-midnight. POOTBALL: Eurosport 22.30-23.30. GOLF: Screensport (7.00-09-00: Phoenix tournement from Japan. Eurosport 12.30-14.30: World Cup from Orlando. GYMMASTICE: Eurosport 11.00-12.00: European rhythmic championathips from Sweden. ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 22.30-07.00: National Hockey League. World Tour.
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11.00-11.30: Inboard grand prix. POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 11.30-18.09. RACING: Screenport 10.30-11.30: The Japan Cup. 888 13.30-14.00 and 23.30-midnight Racing news. RUGSY LEAGUE: Screeneport 15.00-18.00: French league. SKING: Eurosport 10.00-11.00: World Cup preview. SNOOKER: BBC1 14.15-15.05 (see Sportsnight: StormSeel UK champ-tonship from the Gulid Hall, Preston. SPELDSKATING: Enrapper 17.00-18.00: Woman's World Cup from Barlin.

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and Stefan Iovan. The manager, Harry Redknapp, has been told by their club, Steau Bucharest, that they are available at £60,000 each. He files out next week to watch them.

Sanderland are attempting to sign the Yugoslav international defender, Slobodan Marovic. The left back, who has made 370 appearances for Red Star Belgrade, was due to arrive at similar amount.

Pulham's FA Cup second round tie against Cambridge United will be played at Craven Cottage on Friday, December 7, at 7.30pm. The switch is being made to assist policing arrangements as there are first division derbies in west London the following day, between Chelsea and Crystal Palace and Wimble-don and QPR. SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Lord's launch aims to promote play for all

TWO former England batsmen, Clive Radley and Roland Butcher, of Middlesex, added their support to an initiative to promote cricket as a multi-disability sport at the Lord's indoor school this week. The scheme is being organised by the British Sports Association for the Disabled (BSAD) and is sponsored by the National sponsored by the National Westminster Bank. The launch at Lord's also

represented the first in a series of development days which will be held across the country during the next year. The aim is to encourage participation across all the seven disability groups, as well as to enlighten coaches about the potential the game has for disabled people. days, coaches and organisers will be invited to take part in seminars on "disability awareinstruction in how various as-pects of disability relate to tions of the community often playing the sport, and how their excluded from participation.

own teaching methods may require modification. Teaching someone who uses a wheelchair to hold a bat poses a different challenge to putting the same points across to a player with a

points across to a player with a visual handicap.

The second aspect of the development days will centre on a practical workshop, where coaches will be able to gain "hands on" experience of teaching people with disabilities.

BSAD hopes for an enthusiastic approach which could result in the setting up of multiin the setting up of multi-disability clubs leading to the formation of a national league. The programe has the backing of the National Cricket Association, as well as the Association of Cricket Coaches. Three Surrey coaches and six from the London Community Cricket Assocation, attended the launch. All of the organisations ness". In practice, this means see this initiative as a useful way

VOLLEYBALL

Leaders are rewarded

FIVE players from Team
Mizzmo Malory, the men's first
division leaders in the Royal
Bank English League, are included in the English Volleyball
Association's Allstars team for
next week's Perestrolica Tournament in Oxford.

Their opening group matches

On Monday and Lithuania on
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SQUASH RACKETS

Golden award for Edberg

fan Edberg, the world tennis No.1, has been awarded the gold medal for the Swedish sports achievement of the year for the first time. It is his country's most coveted sports prize. "This is one of the best moments of my life," Edberg, who is training in southern Sweden, said, A lot in southern Sweden, said, A tot of honour, but no money, goes with the award. It is awarded annually by the national daily newspaper, Svenska Dagblades, which cited Edberg's comeback from a 3-1 deficit in the fifth set when he defeated Boris Becker to clinch his second Wimbledon title.

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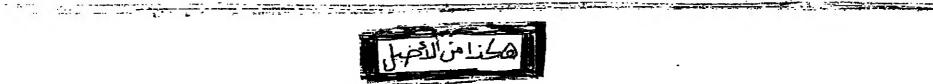
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SPORT

England flout Gatting ban

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, in brisbane and Richard Streeton

THE England cricket team's experience in the circumbanned former captain, to in any other way." help out at net practice.

and County Cricket Board rica. bers of the International cricket in South Africa but did Cricket Council (ICC) over its interpretation of the five-year suspension imposed on Gatting when he led the unsanctioned tour of South

Colonel John Stephenson, sectour party after being so retary of the ICC, said Gatting closely identified with the and the England management had been "rather insensitive". He added: "There has been no actual breach of the ICC agreement by England but it is open to question whether or not the spirit of the law has was a wise thing to do."

Stephenson said it was too early to know whether he would receive any complaints about what had happened, "I suppose if anybody contacts the ICC officially, I might have to write to the 'United Kingdom' for clarification of what happened and the

This time last year, mem-bers of Gatting's side shared routine indoor winter practice with county team-mates before their departure for South Africa. The "rebels", though, were barred from using the Lilleshall National Sports Centre before setting out.

Sam Ramsamy, the executive chairman of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (Sanroc), criti-cised the officers of the TCCB who invited Gatting to take part in the practice

Ramsamy did not direct too much blame towards Gatting himself. "In a very peripheral way, he has been trespassing on the rules governing his ban," he said. "But the spirit is as important as the letter of the agreement and we feel a bit perturbed that the people in charge of the team have found it fit to invite him to take part

Alan Smith, the chief executive of the TCCB, said in a statement yesterday. "Having suffered a heavy defeat, the ment are quite rightly keen to take advantage of every asset available to them to improve performances in order to re-

"While it is true that Mike Gaiting is banned by ICC regulations from playing Test cricket, there is no doubt he is very eager to see Australia beaten and offered his services. It would seem foolish to ignore his expertise and

management was guilty of an stances. Gatting is banned for error of judgment here yes- five years from playing interterday when it accepted an national cricket but he's not offer from Mike Gatting, the banned from helping England Gatting was banned under

Gatting was brought into the ICC resolution of January the England squad session 1989 which forbade all "sportwithout reference to the Test ing contact" with South Af-The resolution (TCCB). That body may face specifically mentioned play-

ing, coaching or administering There will also be those on the TCCB itself unhappy that

Gatting, who is in Australia as a member of the media, has been embraced by the official damaging and divisive South African tour, Ted Dexter, committee, may be among those most uneasy, having deplored the defection of Gatting and others by saying at the time: "Their first and only loyalty should have been to English cricket." Although there is plainly no

intention of Gatting being considered as a player on the public level when his suspension from international cricket can be construed as prohibiting any contact that could be viewed as benefiting

Gatting was incongruously, if innocently, close to the team, even inspecting the pitch with Graham Gooch before start of play. At the nets yesterday he bowled and hit catches but when the squad began a fullscale middle practice he slipped away to a lunch engagement wondering what all the fuss was about. "I can't see anything wrong," he said. "It is no different from any other English cricketer helping

tecred himself with the best intentions when he dined with the management team of Peter Lush and Micky Stewart on Monday evening. His offer was based on providing an extra, experienced player at practice, in addition to helping rid himself of excess winter poundage. If he can be criticised, it is only for the naivety which has been his downfall on more than one

and Stewart is less comfortably excused. Lush, having confirmed that he did not deem it necessary to seek authority on the matter, stated: Mike is nothing officially to do with the team and I do not see any conflict." Lush should have thanked Gatting but told him that it would be unwise to flaunt a suspended player. Explaining

how the situation arose, Lush

Or without any other key



said: "Mike volunteered himself. We considered his situa-tion but he has a lot to offer, and I would be very surprised

Gatting has long had a special relationship with Stewart, a prime mover to restore him as captain in 1989, only a dismissed.

As a captain-manager partnership, Gatting and Stewart enjoyed great success in Australia four years ago but were subsequently responsible implicity condoning, a breakdown in player discipline that might have cost both their

Kapil Dev landmark, page 44 with the umpire, Riazuddin,

Marshall reported for abuse

LAHORE (Reuter) - The after being warned for running CTICKEL AUTHORITIES IN PARISTAN for abusing the umpires during the second cricket test the Board of Control for Pakistani cricket officials said

on Sunday to square the three-match series 1-1, largely thanks to Marshall's figures of four for 24 in the second innings, but the Barbados

colm Marshall, has been re-ported to the West Indies tour Cricket officials said he management and to the abused Riazuddin, who com-

manager, Lance Gibbsm, and Cricket in Pakistan. West Indies next play a three-day match against a Combined XI West Indies won the match starting in Sargodha on Sat-Sunday to square the three- urday before the last Test in Lahore on December 6. • Daryl Foster, aged 50, the coach to the Western Australian Cricket Association, is to accepted a two-year deal with be Kent's new coach for next

West Indies fast bowler, Mal- on to the pitch and having Jim Woodhouse, said: "In his time with Western Australia, they have won the Sheffield Shield eight times, won seven hope he will bring the winning The Leicestershire opening

batsman, Tim Boon, has settled his contract dispute with the county and decided to stay at Grace Road. There had been speculation that he might join his native county, York-shire. Boon, aged 29, has the option of a one-year

2-0 home win over Inter-

Since then, they have per-formed as if basking in that

Steve Perryman, Perryman,

ringing in his ears. "It is

possible for us to stay up and

Perryman's immediate tar-

get is more realistic. Keeping Watford in the second di-

vision will be his only priority.

"It is a precarious position that the club is in but I would

not have accepted the job

could stay in the second division," he said.

at the foot of the table. The

the play-offs," Petchey said.

games without a win in the first division, scoring only one goal. They have lost their last four away games, including a 3-0 second-leg beating in Milan. After 14 League games, they are 24 points behind Liverpool, to whom they finished pounts are last except. ished runners-up last season. Villa have fallen to within two points of the relegation mark.

question posed by the back-page headline in the Birmingham Evening Mail this week. While it may be premature to panic, there will be genuine alarm if Villa come unstuck against Middles-brough in their Rumbelows Cup fourth-round tie at Villa Park tonight.

ronte out of our predica-ment," John Ward, Villa's assistant manager, said yes-terday. "We haven't lost at home this season out have non six of our seven curvies. won six of our seven cup-ties. If you get into the last eight of signing, has been bought from Czechoslovakia to fill when he any competition, you have got is fit, the system often falls to start fancying yourselves to go all the way. That's the motivation and incentive we As a result, David Plant

have to pick the whole thing spends more time defending than getting forward, leaving up and put it right." Venglos needs to administer Tony Cascarino with inadan instant remedy to Villa's problems after successive 2-0 equate support up front. Plant admitted at the weekend: "We defeats at Norwich City and Luton Town, while Middlesare not creating chances and haven't been too happy defenbrough, who beat Villa in the semi-finals of last season's sively, either."

Villa have to start scoring Zenith Cup, won 5-2 at Ox-

goals again, and the tempta-tion, at least in the short term, ford on Saturday to take their away goals total to 21. Villa's problems may stem will be to revert to a flat back-four, stiffen the midfield, and possibly even push Platt for-ward into a striking role.

Police deal with Walsh and Adams

are to interview the Tottenham Hotspur forward, Paul Walsh, and are to report the Arsenal captain, Tony Adams,

two supporters after Tottenham's game with Norwich. Scotland Yard confirmed than the two men alleged that they were assaulted by Walsh.

Adams will be reported to the FA over charges that he made a provocative sign at the and everyone will get a chance ruled out the possibility of to prove themselves." criminal charges.

Racing close to financial crisis, survey suggests.

ALMOST half of Britain's racehorse trainers are considering quitting the sport The trainers were asked if they because they are losing the struggle to make ends meet, according to a representative sample interviewed for an authoritative survey published today.

The analysis confirms the worst fears that racing is on the edge of an unprecedented financial collapse caused by high training fees and costs becoming further out of balance with low prize-money.

The report into the financing of racing was commis-sioned by the Marquess of Zetland, chairman of Redcar racecourse and outgoing chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, and carried out by PA Cambridge Economic Consultants

It shows that owners of Flat horses are paying out more than £200 million a year in training fees, operating costs and capital losses, and the only monetary return is £22 million prize-money - so an increasing number are cutting back or opting out.

"In order to prevent what could soon become a haemorrhage of owners and trainers from the industry, it would appear that some combination money and government fiscal measures designed to encourage people to own horses is necessary," it says. The 70-page report, which has been seen by Lord

Hartington and Christopher Haines, senior steward and chief executive of the Jockey Club, and other industry leaders, says British horse racing is severely underfunded". There is a crisis which is

more profound than any diffi-culties suffered by racing during previous economic downturns. Underfunding is a longterm problem which has been exacerbated by current probems in the economy." British racing is probably the least self-sufficient among

the big racing nations, depen-dent on a handful of large owners - many of them Arabs who are prepared to lose vast sums and trainers who effectively subsidise the sport with money from other busi-

ers, even among those who own their own properties, feel that they are struggling to make training pay. Many feel that they may be forced to

"Nearly half the trainers in our survey were considering leaving training in the near future or leaving if things did not improve considerably." The report concludes: "The

nub of the problem is the relationship between the cost of training racehorses and the returns of owners, both in monetary terms and in terms of being satisfied with their chance of winning races.
"Training costs are rising faster than owners' willingness

to pay the fees being asked, given their perception of the rewards for having horses in training. Fees are very high as far as owners are concerned. are concerned (many feel the need to charge £10 per day more for each horse). This tension is tearing the fabric of British racing? British racing."

Simplistic solutions such as reducing the number of trainers and bad horses are not the answer, according to the report; the crisis in racing is not that simple.
"The basic problem is the

loss by owners of 80 per cent of their operating costs (i.e. they win in prize-money only 20 per cent of these costs) and their unwillingness to accept this situation."

The compilers of the report interviewed 49 trainers based at Newmarket, Lambourn and Malton, and included the big horses who regularly finish in the top five prize-money win
Desert Orchid jockey, page 45

THE SURVEY

ners each season, as well as people running middle-size and small yards. Owners, bloodstock agents, estate agents and bank managers were also questioned.

About a dozen stables at

Lambourn and Newmarket are at present on the market, their value having plummeted by an estimated 30 to 40 per cent in the past year. "A large proportion of train-

ers appear to have been borrowing against their properties to cover operating los or to buy horses to keep their boxes full. The fall in their property values and rise in a very difficult position." A "great majority" of traili-

ers said training did not make a profit or pay a reasonable One bank manager in a racing centre who has 40 per cent of his business with racehorse trainers disclosed fears that "a crisis is approaching for a large proportion of trainers, with many having to re-finance outside the major banks." Several of his trainers could go on for no more than another three of four years on

present trends". Even top trainers do not generally make good profits, in spite of common assumptions. Their costs tend to rise to the level of fees, and returns on capital employed and turnover are very moderate, the

enort states. Many people assume that the trainers at the top run successful, profitable businesses and only smaller trainers lose money. This does not appear to be the case, judged on our in-depth interviews nesses, such as farming, or with four trainers with large have dangerously high stables, many Arab-owned horses and charging top rates (about £32 a day). One was losing money on his training

and the others were unable to rely on fees alone." Middle-ranking and some larger owners are substantially pruning their operations.
Those leaving are not being replaced; since the Arabs en-

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tered a decade ago, there has been a dearth of new owners. 15 to 20 horses or more." Since training fees are rising significantly faster than prices.

as well as prize-money, "the situation is becoming untenable for a large proportion of owners".

A study of the accounts of

six trainers over the past 15 years highlights their diffi-culties. Despite the sample being biased towards the upper end of the training ladder, four of the six were not generally able to show a reasonably healthy excess of fees over operating costs. "In the 15 years' accounts shown for these trainers, there are only three years where a good 🔍 ...

profit was shown."

Most southern trainers with stables housing 25 to 40 horses or making losses or operating very close to the

Bookmaking interests, in particular, have cited the increase in the number of owners and horses in training during the 1980s as evidence that racing is financially robust. The report, however, says the underlying tendency for there to be fewer horses in training because of cutbacks by a majority of owners "has ? started to manifest itself and the number of horses in battalions with more than 100 training has fallen in 1990".

Back to boating days THE University football match will return to its roots on March 30 when the annual encounter between Oxford and Cambridge Universities will take place at Craven Cottage on Boat Race day (Louise Taylor writes).

In recent years the I18-year-old fixture has been played in December, but Ben Brown, Oxford's representative at the Football Association, discovered that back in 1873 it coincided with a springtime Boat Race

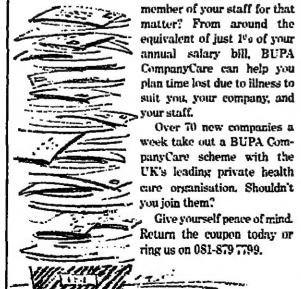
Brown cited several reasons for this switch in date and venue including time to pre-

grounds, and the hope of a bigger crowd. The game will be presented as a package with the Boat Race.

The rescheduling seems a logical attempt to recapture the glamour of the event.
Between 1953 and 1987 the match was held at Wembley, where in its heyday it attracted crowds of more than 20,000, but had to settle for around 6,000 in latter years. 6,000 in latter years.

Highbury, the home of Arsenal where 6,000 spectators turned out 1,000 mores, than showed up at the Abber

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Ailing Villa need victory

AS GRAHAM Taylor's successor at Aston Villa, Dr Jozef Venglos could hardly have hoped for a more satisfactory baptism in English football: a nazionale, the manager of the month award for October, an extended contract and a substantial pay rise.

But the honeymoon is over. The man who guided Czecho-slovakia to the World Cup quarter-finals in Italy faces today the real pressures of English football. Ironically, it has all gone sour for Venglos since Villa won widespread admiration for their victory over Internazionale in the Uefa Cup on October 24.

"What's up, Doc?" was the

formed as if basking in that against Sheffield United on from their three-man central triumph. They have gone six Saturday, is the immediate defence, which invariably

Watford look to Perryman By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT COLIN Lee has been dis- driven home at St James' Park coach, said: "I have never ager and replaced by another former Tottenham player,

The club's record at home this season. in the league is lamentable, aged 38, was appointed yes- with just two points and four terday with the ambitions of goals. Lee, aged 34, who Jack Petchey, the chairman, replaced Steve Harrison as blame bad luck, as much as even possible for us to reach bad results, for his downfall. Tony Coton, the goal-keeper, joined Manchester

City for £1 million in July, while Watford have been confounded further by a series of The most serious injury has affected Gary Penrice, the unless I knew that Watford former Bristol Rovers for-

ward, who scored 12 goals in 29 league games to finish last Under Lee. Watford suf- season but has had just one fered a miserable start to the outing since the summer season and find themselves because of knee ligament seven points adrift of Charlton trouble.

missed as the Watford man-aser and replaced by another beat Watford 1-0.

Description on Saturday when Newcastle been involved in a run as bad as the one Watford have had as the one Watford have had POLICE from Scotland Yard "There is no acrimony upon

my departure and I just hope the club can turn things around before the season is to the Football Association out." Perryman, who played after the players were involved for England in 1982 during a in seperate incidents during 19-year playing career at first division matches on Saturday.

Saturday.

Walsh is to be interviewed before the start of the managerial post, at Brentford, allegations that he assaulted before the start of the season. "I have formed some opinions on the problems at this

the issue I must confront first," he said. and have a good look at the with Queen's Park Rangers at staff - there will be no purges Loftus Road. Police have not

club. But it really seems to be a

lack of confidence and that is

"It pays to be wise, sit back crowd during Arsenal's match

Lee, who joined Watford in final nail in Lee's coffin was August 1989 as youth team

In 1988 the match moved to

pare players, the greater Stadium, home of Cambridge availability of League United, last year.

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